



7-9 Booklist by Author - Full

When using this booklist, please be aware of the need for guidance to ensure students select texts considered appropriate for their age, interest and maturity levels.

★ This title also appears on the 9plus booklist.

⦿ This title is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.



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| 17170 | ⦿ Abdel-Fattah, Randa Does my head look big in this? | Pan MacMillan | 2005 | 9780330421850 | Amal is a typical sixteen year old. When she decides to wear a head scarf to school, her Islamic faith, personal strength and friendships are tested. An insight into contemporary Australian ethnic and religious issues. Strong language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 16880 | Abdel-Fattah, Randa Noah's law | Pan MacMillan | 2010 | 9780330426183 | Sixteen year old Noah is a troublemaker. His father is a hotshot barrister. This is not a good combination. When Noah gets caught misbehaving at school, his dad sends him to work at his aunt's law firm, during the holidays, to learn responsibility and fix his attitude. Noah discovers Law & Order TV shows differ from reality big time. |
| 15613 | Abdel-Fattah, Randa Ten things I hate about me | Pan MacMillan | 2006 | 9780330422741 | Jamie hates lot of things about her life, her dark hair, her dad's Charter of Curfew Rights and her real name. Jamie has hidden her Lebanese background from everyone at school and it's only with her email friend, John, that she can really be herself. But, things are getting complicated. The most popular boy in school is interested in her, she keeps thinking about Timothy, the school loner, and the school formal is coming up. |





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| 2345 | Abdel-Fattah, Randa When Michael met Mina | Pan MacMillan | 2016 | 9781743534977 | When Michael meets Mina, they are at a rally for refugees, standing on opposite sides. Mina fled Afghanistan with her mother, via a refugee camp, a leaky boat and a detention centre. Michael's parents have founded a new political party called Aussie Values. They want to stop the boats. Mina wants to stop the hate. Michael and Mina will need to overcome their differences to find some common ground. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3142 | Abdel-Fattah, Randa Where the streets had a name | Pan MacMillan | 2008 | 9780330424202 | Thirteen year old Hayaat is on a mission. She believes that a handful of soil from her grandmother's ancestral home in Jerusalem will save her life. The problem is the impenetrable wall that divides the West Bank, as well as the checkpoints, the curfews, the permit system and Haany's best friend, Samy, who always manages to attract trouble. |
| 751179 | Abdel-Magied, Yassmin Listen, Layla | Penguin | 2021 | 9781760896065 | Layla has ended the school year on a high and can't wait to spend the holidays hanging out with her friends and designing a prize-winning Grand Designs Tourismo invention. But Layla's plans are interrupted when her grandmother in Sudan falls ill and the family rush to be with her. The last time Layla went to Sudan she was only a young child. Now she feels torn between her Sudanese and Australian identities. As political tensions in Sudan erupt, so too do tensions between Layla and her family. Layla is determined not to lose her place in the invention team, but will she go against her parents' wishes? What would a Kandaka do? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 7340 | Abdel-Magied, Yassmin Yassmin's story | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9780857986153 | At twenty-one, Yassmin worked on a remote Australian oil and gas rig. She was the only woman and certainly the only Sudanese born Muslim woman. When she was two, Yassmin moved to Brisbane and has been tackling barriers ever since. She founded Youth Without Borders, helping young people to work for positive change in their communities. This is the story of how she got there, where she's going and how she wants the world to change. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 723432 | Acevedo, Elizabeth Poet X, The | HarperCollins US | 2018 | 9781405291460 | Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty she wants to say, and she pours all her frustration and passion onto the pages of a leather notebook, reciting the words to herself like prayers - especially after she catches feelings for a boy in her bio class named Aman, who her family can never know about. With Mami's determination to force her daughter to obey the laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept to herself. So when she is invited to join her school's slam poetry club, she doesn't know how she could ever attend without her Mami finding out. But she still can't stop thinking about performing her poems. Because in the face of a world that may not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to be silent. |
| | Adams, Douglas Hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy series | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 2184 | Adams, Douglas Hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy, The | Pan Macmillan London | 2002 | 9780330491198 | The hilarious saga of a pair of Earth refugees who stumble on the meaning of life after the planet is destroyed. |
| 447 | Adams, Richard Watership down | Oxford University Press | 2001 | 9780060935450 | A warren of rabbits is being chased from its home by a land developer. The rabbits have their own language and culture which is as complex and fascinating as human society. |
| 15151 | Adi, Hakim Nelson Mandela: father of freedom | White-Thomson Publishing Ltd | 2001 | 9780750233200 | South Africa's famous freedom-fighter struggled for race equality all his life and won. He became president of the people he helped to free and, in so doing, earned love and respect worldwide. It concludes with his life in retirement. |
| 8249 | Adut, Deng Thiak & McKelvey, Ben Songs of a war boy | Hachette Children's Books | 2016 | 9780733636523 | From the family farm at the age of 6, to the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army, to Law school in Western Sydney, Deng Adut has undertaken a remarkable journey. Songs of A War Boy is his story, filled with adventure, heart break, and bloodshed, but also with resilience, compassion, and persistence. Deng recounts his experiences as a child soldier in Sudan, and his fight for education and for justice in Australia. A powerful, important book, this memoir is a must read for every Australian. |

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| 751114 | ⊗ Ahmadi, Arwin How it all blew up | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781471409929 | Eighteen-year-old Amir Azadi always knew that coming out to his Muslim family would be messy, but he wasn't expecting it to end in an airport interrogation room. Now, he's telling his side of the story to the stern-faced officer. Amir has to explain why he ran away to Rome (boys, bullies, blackmail) and what he was doing there for a month (dates in the Sistine Chapel, friends who helped him accept who he is, and, of course, drama) . . . all while his mum, dad and little sister are being interrogated in the room next door. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 9346 | Aiken, Joan Foot in the grave | Viking Children's | 1992 | 9780670841691 | Eight handsome, ambiguous pictures provide inspiration for eight creepy ghost and horror stories. Includes a cautionary tale for anyone who has been unkind to a younger sibling. |
| 469 | Aiken, Joan Wolves of Willoughby Chase, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780099411864 | Two cousins who live in Willoughby Chase are left in the care of a cruel governess. |
| 751197 | Aisbett, Bev Cruising through calamity: Handling anxiety in anxious times | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9781460759752 | A book for anyone and everyone who finds themselves going through big change, hard times, bad luck or tough stuff. A book for right now, as it turns out. Cruising Through Calamity is a much-needed new book about helping people manage their emotions through big changes, hard times and big challenges. |
| 664339 | ⊗ Albertalli, Becky Leah on the offbeat | Penguin | 2018 | 9780241331057 | When it comes to drumming, Leah Burke is usually on beat - but real life isn't always so rhythmic. An anomaly in her friend group, she's the only child of a young, single mum, and her life is decidedly less privileged. And even though her mom knows she's bisexual, she hasn't mustered the courage to tell her friends - not even her openly gay BFF, Simon. With some messy dynamics emerging in this once tight-knit group of friends, senior year suddenly gets even more complicated for Leah, as she realises she's falling not for the guy who's taking her to prom, but for the girl who's dating her best friend. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above |

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| 4216 | Albertalli, Becky Upside of unrequited, The | Penguin | 2017 | 9780141356112 | Seventeen-year-old Molly Peskin-Suso knows all about unrequited love - she's lived through it twenty-six times. She crushes hard and crushes often, but always in secret. Because no matter how many times her twin sister, Cassie, tells her to woman up, Molly can't stomach the idea of rejection. So she's careful. Fat girls always have to be careful. Then a cute new girl enters Cassie's orbit, and for the first time ever, Molly's cynical twin is a lovesick mess. Meanwhile, Molly's totally not dying of loneliness - except for the part where she is. Luckily, Cassie's new girlfriend comes with a cute hipster-boy sidekick. Will is funny, flirtatious, and just might be perfect crush material. Maybe more than crush material. And if Molly can win him over, she'll get her first kiss and she'll get her twin back. There's only one problem: Molly's coworker, Reid. He's an awkward Tolkien super-fan, and there's absolutely no way Molly could fall for him. Right? |
| 15603 | Albertalli, Becky Love, Simon/ Simon vs the homosapiens agenda | Penguin | 2018 | 9780241330135 | 16year-old and not-so-openly gay Simon Spier prefers to save his drama for the school musical. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, his secret is at risk of being thrust into the spotlight. Now Simon is actually being blackmailed: if he doesn't play wingman for class clown Martin, his sexual identity will become everyone's business. Worse, the privacy of Blue, the pen name of the boy he's been emailing, will be compromised. With some messy dynamics emerging in his once tight-knit group of friends, and his email correspondence with Blue growing more flirtatious every day, Simon's junior year has suddenly gotten all kinds of complicated. Now, change-averse Simon has to find a way to step out of his comfort zone before he's pushed out - without alienating his friends, compromising himself, or fumbling a shot at happiness with the most confusing, adorable guy he's never met. Also published under the title "Simon vs the homosapiens agenda". |

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| 6646 | Albertalli, Becky & Silvera, Adam What if it's us? | Simon SCHUSTER | 2018 | 9781471176395 | Arthur is only in New York for the summer, but if Broadway has taught him anything, it's that the universe can deliver a showstopping romance when you least expect it. Ben thinks the universe needs to mind its business. If the universe had his back, he wouldn't be on his way to the post office carrying a box of his ex-boyfriend's things. But when Arthur and Ben meet at the post office, what exactly does the universe have in store for them? Maybe nothing. After all, they get separated. Maybe everything. After all, they get reunited. But what if they can't quite nail a first date . . . or a second first date . . . or a third? What if Arthur tries too hard to make it work . . . and Ben doesn't try hard enough? What if life really isn't like a Broadway play? But what if it is? |
| 863865 |  Alcott, Dylan Able | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780733340550 | Dylan Alcott has never let his disability get in the way of what he wanted to achieve. His family treated him no differently to any other kid, and it was the best thing they ever did. Growing up, Dylan always had a positive attitude to life. So when he discovered sport, he'd have a go at anything and could always be found at the centre of the action, giving his best and playing to win. Then he tried wheelchair basketball and tennis and was hooked. Fast forward ten years or so, and the now three-time Paralympic gold medallist, Order of Australia recipient, world No 1 tennis champion, Logie winner and philanthropist combines elite sport with a love for music. But Dylan's greatest passion is changing the way those with disabilities are perceived, and to inspire young people - whether they have disabilities or are able-bodied - to achieve their dreams. It's a passion that drives him every day of his life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| | Alcott, Louisa May Little women series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9334 |  Aldridge, James Girl from the sea, The | Penguin | 2002 | 9780143001126 | An intriguing summer adventure where thirteen year old Beau meets wild, irrepressible Lelee, a girl from the sea. Together with Beau's younger sister, they search in their boat for a box believed to contain a fortune, but smugglers are looking too. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 423 |  Aldridge, James True story of Lilli Stubeck, The | Penguin | 1989 | 9780140123289 | The life of a Romani family living in squalor in an abandoned shack. Lilli is removed from her large family by a wealthy old woman who helps to civilise her. But, there's an ongoing battle seemingly for possession of Lilli's very soul. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 424 |  Aldridge, James True story of Spit MacPhee, The | Penguin | 1988 | 9780140105902 | Spit, the barefoot grandson of old Fyfe, has other ideas for his future after his grandfather dies and the town wants Spit to go into an orphanage. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 18651 |  Aldridge, James Wings of Kitty St Clair, The | Penguin | 2006 | 9780143004929 | The St Clairs are an adventurous flying family in Victoria post First World War and Kitty is inspired to fly just like her mother. After the tragic death of Kitty's mother, everyone rallies to help with her pain. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3046 | Alexander, Goldie My Australian story: Surviving Sydney Cove, the diary of Elizabeth Harvey, Sydney, 1790 | Scholastic Australia | 2000 | 9781865042671 | Life in the early days at Sydney Cove is told through the diary of a young girl. |
| | Alexander, Lloyd The Chronicles of Prydain series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 2282 | Alexandra, Tonya Nymph | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781922077240 | An idyllic Greek island. Obsessed demigods. A fallen nymph. A mortal boy. Merope, a beautiful but faded star nymph, is banished to Earth for displeasing the gods. She tries to fit in, go to school and live a normal 'human' life. And then she meets Lukas - but relationships between men and goddesses are forbidden. Will their love grow or will Merope and Lukas feel the wrath of the gods. |
| 574721 |  Ali, S K Saints and misfits | Simon SCHUSTER | 2018 | 9781481499255 | There are three kinds of people in Janna's world: 1. Saints, the people who do all the heavy lifting in the world, the do gooders. Moving things forward, fighting the good fight. . 2. Misfits, people who don't belong. Like the way Janna doesn't fit into her Dad's brand-new family or in the leftover one composed of Mom and her older brother. 3. Monsters. Well, monsters wearing saint masks. Like the monster at her mosque. People think he's holy, untouchable, but nobody has seen under the mask. Except Janna. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 463 | Aliki William Shakespeare & the globe | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2000 | 9780064437226 | This is an introduction to Shakespeare's life and work, and his theatre, The Globe, which was reconstructed in London. |

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| 9220 | Allen, Judy Blue death, The | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2002 | 9780340805718 | A doctor turns detective to solve a mystery around the cholera epidemic in London, 1854. |
| 34300 | Almond, David My name is Mina and I love the night | Hodder Children's Books (UK) | 2010 | 9780340997253 | Mina empties her thoughts, stories and dreams into her notebook, creating an extraordinary journal of her transition from school to homeschool and of life in her neighbourhood. Prequel to Skellig, also on 7-9 booklist, |
| 5826 | Almond, David Savage, The: graphic novel | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406308150 | An extraordinary graphic novel that confronts raw grief visually and through the words of Blue Baker, devastated at the loss of his father and offended by the patronising support he is offered. Blue's grief is angry and violent and inconsolable. Strangely though Blue does find relief from his suffering and the record of his journey is here. Strong language and images used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 360 | Almond, David Skellig | Hodder STOUGHTON | 1999 | 9780340716007 | Michael and Mina care for an extraordinary being when it seems to have given up on life. |
| 15397 | Almond, David Skellig: the play | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2003 | 9780340854334 | In the dark and derelict garage, Michael discovers a strange creature. His life is in turmoil with his baby's illness and his new found friendship with 'a girl'. The strange creature affects his life. Michael wonders if it could possibly be an angel. |
| 9208 | Almond, David Wild girl, wild boy: a play | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2002 | 9780340854310 | Following the death of her father, a young girl attempts to regain her grip on life. |
| 11327 | Almond, David & McKean, Dave (ill) Slog's dad | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406322903 | Slog's father is dead and he knows it. But, when he sees the scruffy man outside the butcher shop, Slog knows that it's his father who has returned to see him, just as he promised. But, Davie, his best friend, is just as convinced that this man is a fake. |
| 23253 | Amnesty International Free: stories celebrating human rights | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781406318302 | Celebrating the 60th anniversary of Amnesty International, this engaging book contains a great collection of entertaining and thought-provoking stories. Each story relates directly to one of the thirty articles about individual rights and responsibilities that make up the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. |
| 2228 | Anderson, Laurie Halse Chains | Bloomsbury | 2008 | 9780747598657 | This story follows two very different battles for independence, that of slave girl, Isabel, and the American War of Independence. Presents a realistic view of prejudice and slavery in 18th century America and includes some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9444 | Anderson, Laurie Halse Fever 1793 | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2002 | 9780340854099 | In 1793, fourteen year old Mattie hates getting out of bed and being nagged by her mum. Her friend, Polly, comes down with yellow fever. The disease starts to spread through the city, and even Mattie has to get serious as the panic spreads. |

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| 42760 | Anderson, Laurie Halse Forge | Bloomsbury | 2011 | 9781408803806 | Curzon joins the American army, fighting for independence against the British. As well as the hardships of soldiering, Curzon lives with the fear of discovery, for he is an escaped slave, passing for free. Then there is Isabel, who is also at Valley Forge against her will. They have to sort out the tangled threads of their friendship while figuring out what stands between the two of them and true freedom. Includes some violence. |
| 2581 | Anderson, Laurie Halse Impossible knife of memory, The | Text Publishing Co | 2014 | 9781922182227 | For the past five years, Hayley has been home schooled on the road by her father, a veteran of the Iraq war who has Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. When they settle down for her final year at school, Hayley has to deal with her father's random behaviour and learn how to have a trusting relationship with a boy, who is hiding secrets of his own. Challenging read, some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 751223 | Anderson, M T Symphony for the City of the Dead | Penguin USA | 2017 | 9780763691004 | This is the thrilling true story of the life of Russian composer Dimitri Shostakovitch and the millions of Russians who lived during a time of great upheaval, horror and hardship at the hands of two of history's cruellest dictators; Stalin and Hitler. At a time of great despair, Shostakovitch' seventh symphony would become a symbol of great hope, and the story of how it comes to be shared with the world is nearly too incredible to be believed. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 18096 | Anderson, M. T Landscape with invisible hand | Walker Books | 2017 | 9780763699505 | When the vuvv first landed, it came as a surprise to aspiring artist Adam and the rest of planet Earth, but not necessarily an unwelcome one. Can it really be called an invasion when the vuvv generously offered free advanced technology and cures for every illness imaginable? As it turns out, yes. With his parents' jobs replaced by alien tech and no money for food, clean water, or the vuvv's miraculous medicine, Adam and his girlfriend, Chloe, have to get creative to survive. And since the vuvv crave anything they deem "classic" Earth culture (doo-wop music, still-life paintings of fruit, true love), recording 1950s-style dates for the vuvv to watch in a pay-per-minute format seems like a brilliant idea. But it's hard for Adam and Chloe to sell true love when they hate each other more with every passing episode. Soon enough, Adam must decide how far he's willing to go - and what he's willing to sacrifice - to give the vuvv what they want. |

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| 774234 | Andrew, Maria E Love in English | Balzer BRAY | 2021 | 9780063083080 | <p>Sixteen-year-old Ana is a poet and a lover of language. Except that since she moved to New Jersey from Argentina, she can barely find the words to express how she feels.</p> <p>At first Ana just wants to return home. Then she meets Harrison, the very cute, very American boy in her math class, and discovers the universal language of racing hearts. But when she begins to spend time with Neo, the Greek Cypriot boy from ESL, Ana wonders how figuring out what her heart wants can be even more confusing than the grammar they're both trying to master. After all, the rules of English may be confounding, but there are no rules when it comes to love. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p> |
| 5582 | Andrews, Jesse Munmun | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760523596 | <p>In an alternate reality a lot like our world, every person's physical size is directly proportional to their wealth. The poorest of the poor are the size of rats, and billionaires are the size of skyscrapers. Warner and his sister Prayer are destitute - and tiny. Their size is not just demeaning, but dangerous: day and night they face mortal dangers that bigger richer people don't ever have to think about, from being mauled by cats to their house getting stepped on. There are no cars or phones built small enough for them, or schools or hospitals, for that matter - there's no point, when no one that little has any purchasing power, and when salaried doctors and teachers would never fit in buildings so small. Warner and Prayer know their only hope is to scale up, but how can two littlepoors survive in a world built against them? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p> |
| 864492 | Angelou, Maya and Basquiat, Jean-Michel (ill) Life doesn't frighten me | Harry N Abrams Inc | 2017 | 9781419727481 | <p>Maya Angelou's brave, defiant poem celebrates the courage within each of us, young and old. From the scary thought of panthers in the park to the unsettling scene of a new classroom, fearsome images are summoned and dispelled by the power of faith in ourselves. Angelou's strong words are matched by the daring vision of artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, whose childlike style reveals the powerful emotions and fanciful imaginings of childhood. Together, Angelou's words and Basquiat's paintings create a place where everyone may experience their own fearlessness.</p> |




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| 7590 | Antle, Nancy Milad: the voyage to Ophir | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781741691153 | Milad decides to go on one sea voyage to save his family's fortunes and embarks on a journey where he will find sea-battles, pirates, treasure, spies, perils and love. As part of a Phoenician fleet in the service of King Solomon, he experiences danger on the high seas and in deepest Africa, but he also finds the truest of friends in unexpected places. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5856 | Anhar, Nazam Scrimshaw | Scholastic Australia | 2009 | 9781741693386 | Young Nathan is taken hostage by Captain Graham and his pirates. Nathan must decide whether to succumb to pressure and join the murderous crew or fight for his freedom. |
| 236 | Antle, Nancy Longest war, The | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141303246 | Told from the perspective of the elder of two daughters, this novel deals with the emotional struggle of an ex-Vietnam War nurse, and the ongoing impact of the war on her family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3617 | Applegate, Cathy Red sand, blue sky | Feminist Press | 2002 | 9781558612785 | When young Amy goes to stay with her aunt in the central outback, she befriends Lana. Together, they must overcome racial and cultural barriers and join forces to foil a criminal who is stealing artefacts. |
| 64569 | Arbuthnott, Gill Keepers' daughter, The | Chicken House | 2009 | 9781905294947 | Ten years ago, the leader of the Shadowmen killed many of the Keepers, the teachers and bearers of ancient knowledge threatening his barbaric rule. Rebellion is flaring again and Nyssa and her uncle, descendants of the Keepers, must flee in search of the other half of a strange tattoo on Nyssa's skull. |
| 2609 | Arbuthnott, Gill What makes you you | A C Black | 2013 | 9781408194065 | Find out what is DNA, why it is important and what we can do with it. Track it's discovery from Darwin's theory on evolution, to Mendel's experiments with pea plants, to modern gene research to treat blindness. |
| 820793 | Archbold, Charlie Indigo Owl | Wakefield Press | 2020 | 9781743057322 | As Scarlet Bergen leaves her home to be trained in her psychic Solitaire abilities at the Arcadia Institute she can't foresee how much her life will change. As she delves into the mystery surrounding her mother, more truths and conspiracies will be uncovered. |
| 47271 | Archbold, Charlie Mallee Boys | Wakefield Press | 2017 | 9781743055007 | Sandy Douglas knows that life at fifteen is hard - his mother died a year ago and his 18-year old brother, Red, has gone off the rails. As Sandy and Red deal with girls, friendship and their futures on their Mallee farm, both boys have to figure out who they want to be without their mum around. One thing is certain - the Mallee, where they live, may seem like the middle of nowhere, but it is going to be one hell of a year. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 12545 | Ardagh, Philip Book of absolutely useless lists | MacMillan | 2007 | 9780230700505 | A chunky book, jammed full of fascinating, whacky and absurd facts and information, with a list for every day of the year. Useful information like seven objects to use as a paperweight; twenty characters more famous than their inventors; and, four runners-up who became more famous than the person who won. |
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| 5075 | Arena, Felice Boy and the spy, The | Penguin | 2017 | 9780143309284 | Things have never been easy for Antonio, but now it seems like the war will never end. So when Antonio is caught up in the dangerous world of freedom fighters and spies, will it change his life or destroy him? |
| 23177 | Arena, Felice Fearless Frederic | Penguin Books Australia | 2018 | 9780143786757 | When the river rises and the city of Paris begins to disappear under water, Frederic decides to help those who can't help themselves. But as his heroic acts escalate, so does the danger. Frederic will have to battle an escaped zoo animal and fight off pickpockets and looters, but as the waters subside, can he find justice for his father and find out what courage really means? |
| 587855 | Arena, Felice Great escape, A | Penguin Books Australia | 2019 | 9780143794042 | It's a great escape, but will Peter survive it? When Peter's family leaves for a trip across the border, he stays behind. So when the government builds a wall through the city, guarded by soldiers, tanks and ferocious dogs, he's trapped. Everyone says he might never see his family again. But Peter has a courageous plan |
| 35557 | Armour-Chelu, Francesca Fenn Halflin and the seaborne | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406366181 | Fenn Halflin is on the run. Having survived the explosion of the lock in the earlier book, Fenn Halflin is now on the run from Terra Firma and attempts to find members of the resistance to shelter with. With only his wits and his pet mongoose, Tikki Fenn struggles to travel across the waterlogged lands. To unite all Seaborne people and overthrow Terra Firma is his mission while the water levels rise. |
| 371 | Armstrong, William H Sounder | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2002 | 9780064400206 | A poor, African-American family living in the South in the 1800s find their lives change forever when the father is arrested. |

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| 3109 | Arnold, Elana. K. Far from fair | Houghton Mifflin | 2016 | 9780544602274 | When Odette starts her list of things that aren't fair, living on the road with her parents and her exasperating younger brother is at the very top. But hundreds of miles later at her grandma's house, Odette discovers just how unfair life can really be. With so much that is out of her control, Odette tries to make things right again. |
| 9369 | Asher, Stephanie Footy Lady, The: Trailblazing story of Susan Alberti, The | Melbourne Press | 2017 | 9780522872576 | No tragedy and no challenge has proved too hard for Susan Alberti. The woman from the working-class suburbs has battled boardrooms, courts, lymphoma and adult diabetes; and, was one of the driving forces behind the AFL's move into women's football. This is a story of passion, generosity and a woman who will inspire you to take on the seemingly impossible and triumph. |
| 17864 | ⦿ Ashland, Monk & Nigel & Nentrup, Jeff (ill) Sky village, The | Candlewick Press | 2008 | 9780763635244 | In a future where wild beasts, humans and mechanical beings battle for control, two children, Mei and Rom, on opposite sides of the earth, connect through a mysterious journal that comes alive to reveal a powerful primal force and a frightening destiny. Mei and Rom must work together to overcome evil. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 751069 | ⦿ Asphyxia Future girl | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760294373 | Set in a Melbourne in the near future we meet Piper who is a deaf teenager who's mother is determined that she pass a 'normal'. Piper starts to realise her isolation and lack of belonging due to her mother's beliefs. Climate change has left people unable to afford to drive their cars or buy tickets on public transport. Planes no longer fly. Due to corporate control, fresh food is hardly available and most people eat genetically modified foo. Piper has to navigate the usual teenage concerns, whilst discovering who she is as a young adult, experiencing her fist love and standing up to corporate greed. |
| 8518 | ⦿ Atwood, Margaret Handmaid's Tale, The | Penguin | 2010 | 9780099511663 | Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead. She has only one function: to breed. If she deviates, she will, like dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on which her future hangs. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 1592 | ⦿ Austen, Jane Emma | Penguin | 2009 | 9780141192475 | Beautiful, clever, rich and single, Emma Woodhouse is perfectly content with her life and sees no need for either love or marriage. Nothing, however, delights her more than interfering in the romantic lives of others. But, when she attempts to arrange a suitable match for her protege, Harriet Smith, her carefully laid plans soon unravel and they have consequences that she never expected. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |



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| 8206 | Austen, Jenna Stella | ABC Books | 2013 | 9780733331534 | Fletcher has it all, with her inherited million-dollar magazine company, hanging with celebrities and servants to cater to her every wish. But money doesn't solve boyfriend, and family issues, so she secretly travels to a quiet island to sort her feelings out. |
| 10974 | ⦿ Aveyard, Victoria Glass sword | Orion | 2016 | 9781409159353 | Mare Barrow has Silver ability, the power to control lightning. As she makes her escape from Maven, the prince and friend who betrayed her, Mare discovers she is not the only one of her kind. Pursued by Maven, Mare sets out to recruit other Red-and-Silver fighters to join in the struggle against her oppressors. But, Mare finds herself on a deadly path, at risk of becoming the kind of monster she is trying to defeat. Sequel to The red queen. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 6518 | ⦿ Aveyard, Victoria Red Queen | Orion | 2015 | 9781409155843 | The Reds are commoners, ruled by a Silver elite with god-like superpowers. When Mare Barrow begins work in the Silver Palace, she discovers that, despite her red blood, she possesses a deadly power. One that threatens to destroy the balance of power. This is a world of betrayal, lies and danger. Reds against Silvers, prince against prince, and Mare against her own heart. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 704535 | Avi Button war, The | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406380835 | The boys of a small Polish village are used to the occupying Russian soldiers, but this fragile peace is shattered when a German plane drops a bomb on the school house and signals the coming invasion. The discovery of a soldier's discarded button begins a contest between the friends to get the best button and become king. This contest gets more and more daring as the intensity of battle for the village increases. |
| 846085 | ⦿ AVIVA Self/less | Pan MacMillan | 2021 | 9781760984892 | Living in a walled city where every aspect of life is controlled, Teddy is unable to pursue her creative passions for risk of being Sanitised. When truths are revealed, Teddy finds herself living in a city under the city. A darker world where creativity is embraced but survival is everything. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 57007 | ● Ayoub, Sarah Hate is such a strong word | HarperCollins Australia | 2013 | 9780732296841 | Seventeen-year-old Sophie hates Monday mornings, socks worn with sandals, and having to strategise like she's a battle sergeant every time she asks her parents if she can go out. But she especially hates being stereotyped because she's Lebanese. When New Guy, Shehadie Goldsmith, is alienated at her Lebanese school because his dad's Australian, she hates the way it makes her feel. Like she's just as prejudiced as everyone else. Like she could make a difference if she stopped pretending she's invisible. Like the attraction between them might be too strong to fight... But hate is such a strong word... Can Sophie find the strength to speak out - even if it means going against everything she's been brought up to believe? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2860 | ● Ayoub, Sarah Yearbook Committee, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2016 | 9780732296858 | Final year and five lives. School captain, Ryan had it all until an accident snatches his dreams away. Newcomer Charlie is determined not to fit in. Nobody really notices Matty. But, at home, he holds everything together and has never felt so alone. The popular girl's best friend, Tammi, always bows to peer pressure. Gillian, the politician's daughter is learning the hard way that life in the spotlight comes at a very heavy price. Five unlikely teammates thrust together against their will. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 810 | Bachmann, Stefan Peculiar, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2012 | 9780007498857 | Don't get yourself noticed and you won't get yourself hanged. Bartholomew Kettle and his sister live by these words. They are Peculiars, half-human, half-faery, and hated by both. But, one day, when a mysterious lady magically whisks away a little boy, Bartholomew forgets the rules. And gets himself noticed. |
| 890 | Bachmann, Stefan Whatnot, The | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007530243 | In this sequel to 'The Peculiar', twelve year old Pikey Thomas is missing an eye, a family and friends of any sort. He doesn't seem to have a great deal going for him and he feels it. But, Pikey sees things and people worth knowing that others don't. When he finds out that faeries are real and the past is both a guide and a trap, Pikey begins an adventure that will lead him to know himself and face his fears. |
| 25680 | ● Bacigalupi, Paolo Ship breaker | Little, Brown CO | 2011 | 9780316056212 | In a post-apocalyptic world, Nailer scavenges for copper wire by crawling into the wrecks of ancient oil tankers that line the beaches of America's Gulf Coast. It's dirty, dangerous work. After a hurricane, Nailer finds the wreck of a clipper ship, filled with valuable goods that could make him rich. Amid the wreckage, a girl clings to life and Nailer is her only hope. He must make a choice. Includes violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 751053 |  Bailey, Bill and Magee, Joe (ill) Bill Bailey's remarkable guide to happiness | Quercus Children's Books | 2020 | 9781529412451 | <p>From paddle-boarding down the Thames in a Santa hat, to wild swimming in a glacial river, Bill considers the exhilaration of the outdoors, as well as the quieter pleasures of clearing out your moth-eaten grey t-shirts. He attempts to see beyond the mumbo-jumbo of the wellness industry and aims for the heart of real joy and contentment - and how we can all achieve it.</p> <p>This collection of funny, meditative and thoughtful essays seeks out simplicity and clarity as a corrective to the endless background noise of anxiety-inducing news chatter. Whether it's whooping aloud while cycling through a pine forest, putting pen to paper, or immersing yourself in music, Bill's guide to happiness is an antidote to the frenetic whirl of modern life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p> |
| 86 | Baillie, Allan China coin, The | Penguin | 1999 | 9780140347531 | The horror of Tiannaman Square confronts Leah when she is searching for her ancient links in China. |
| 23394 | Baillie, Allan First voyage, The | Puffin Australia | 2014 | 9780143307679 | The ferocious Crocodile warriors have already killed Bent Beak's pa, and now they seem determined to take out his whole tribe. The only way to survive is to flee the island. As the Yam tribe brave the perils of the sea, will they survive the voyage into the unknown, and what awaits them just over the horizon. An enthralling story about the plight of the very first boat people, of their desperation, bravery and hope. |
| 9221 | Baillie, Allan Heroes: Australians at their best | Phoenix Education | 2001 | 9781876580131 | Australia's great heroes at their most decisive moments. |
| 225 | Baillie, Allan Last shot, The | Scholastic Australia | 1997 | 9781862913165 | Steve is a brilliant basketball player with a conflict to solve involving family and his achievements. |
| 9278 | Baillie, Allan Magician | Penguin | 1994 | 9780140361278 | In a futuristic Tasmania, where our sun is dying, an alien appears who may be able to help. |
| 251 | Baillie, Allan Mates and other stories | Scholastic Australia | 1992 | 9781862911420 | A collection of short stories about friendship. |
| 2521 |  Baillie, Allan Outpost | Puffin Australia | 2012 | 9780143305927 | Life on the remote moon Ord is dangerous. Random eruptions in the ice, extreme cold, loneliness and loss: it's all Dece knows. Until one day he sees a mysterious object caught in the rings of the nearby gas planet, Cotal. With no choice but to investigate, what he will find is so extraordinary that it is almost beyond understanding. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 342 |  Baillie, Allan Saving Abbie | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141307404 | Abbie is a very engaging, six year old, orphan orang-utan on the final leg of an odyssey that will see her reintroduced to her Kalamantan home. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 111111 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Baillie, Allan Taste of cockroach, A | Penguin | 2005 | 9780143003373 | Well-written, easily read short stories for young adults using simple, effective language to tackle mature themes like war and relationships including racial prejudice. Contains language that may offend some readers. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 4547 | Baillie, Allan Treasure hunters | Penguin | 2002 | 9780143300076 | A young boy is rescued from a disaster at sea and joins his father searching for treasure near an Indonesian island. His story is interwoven with that of Diego who is travelling on a 16th century Portuguese treasure ship. |
| 474 | Baillie, Allan Wreck | Penguin | 2003 | 9780140387964 | A story of survival about two children who discover a rusty freighter on their beach after a cyclone. It appears to be calling them but it could just be a trap. |
| 22067 | Baines, Francesca (ed) Know it all | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405355339 | If you love facts, information, records and trivia, this book will tell you everything you ever wanted to know, with its lists of the weirdest beetles, the fastest jet aircraft, the scariest sharks, the least intelligent dinosaurs and much more. |
| 803518 | Bajpai, Nandini Sister of the Bollywood bride | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526825 | <p>Mini's big sister is getting married. Their mom passed away seven years ago and between Dad's new start-up and Vinnie's medical residency, there's no one but Mini to plan the wedding. Dad raised her to know more about computers, calculus and cars than Desi weddings but from the moment Mini held the jewelry Mom left them, she wanted her sister to have the wedding Mom would've planned.</p> <p>Now Mini has only two months to get it done and she's not going to let anything distract her, not even the persistent, mysterious and smoking-hot Vir Mirchandani. Flower garlands, decorations, music, even a white wedding horse - everything is in place.</p> <p>That is, until a monster cyclone heads for Boston that could ruin everything. Will Mini come through as sister of the bride and save the day?</p> |
| 7604 | Ballantyne, R M Coral island, The | Wordsworth Editions Ltd | 2002 | 9781853261701 | A classic story of three young sailors, sole survivors of a wreck, who discover the enchanting beauties of the South Pacific. They learn how to live on their tropical paradise but then they are swept into adventures with bloodthirsty pirates. |

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| 567921 | Ballard, Alexandra What I lost | St Martin's | 2018 | 9781250158420 | Elizabeth is sixteen and has struggled with her body image for as long as she can remember. She's pretty sure her mother needs help even more than she does. Elizabeth has not only lost 20kg, placing her at an unhealthy weight, she has also lost friends, a boyfriend and the trust of her parents. After a terrible, public incident, she is admitted to Wallingfield, a treatment centre for girls with eating disorders. While at Wallingfield she begins to receive mysterious packages and needs to find out if they're from an admirer or if they are something more sinister. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 7699 | Bancks, Tristan Mac Slater cool hunter: I love NY | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741663006 | Mac has become a coolhunter for a popular webspace and won an all-expenses-paid trip to New York. His job is to find the Next Big Thing or be sent home. Mac gets taken to The Hive, where innovative kids are creating things way more cutting edge than anything you can buy. And, they're about to test an invention that could change the world. Mac has found the coolest thing in NYC but he's not allowed to tell a soul. |
| 36937 | Bancks, Tristan Mac Slater cool hunter: rules of cool | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741662993 | Mac's just crashed the latest prototype of his flying bike in front of the whole school. So, when the creators of Coolhunters tell him he's an Innovator, Mac thinks they're crazy. He lives in an old bus and doesn't have a TV, let alone a mobile. But, Tony and Speed suggest he compete to become the Australian coolhunter. But, hunting cool isn't easy and Mac's opponent will do just about anything to get the gig. |
| 569134 | Banghart, Tracy Grace and fury | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781444941951 | In a world where women have no rights, sisters Serina and Nomi face two very different fates: one in the palace, the other on an island prison where women must fight to survive. Serina has spent her whole life preparing to become a Grace - selected to stand by the heir to the throne as a shining example of the perfect woman. But her headstrong and rebellious younger sister has a dangerous secret, and one wrong move could cost both sisters everything. Can Serina fight? And will Nomi win? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 13 | Banks, Lynne Reid Angela and Diabola | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1998 | 9780006753001 | Angela is the angelic twin and Diabola is the opposite, a pair of twins who can drive their normal parents, the Cuthbertson-Joneses, to distraction. Angela is perfect but, that Diabola, she could just be wicked or she may be a genius. |
| 1143 | Barclay, Alex Curse of kings | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007335770 | Oland is a lowly servant who lives in fear for life, until one day he finds a letter from a long-dead king, warning him to run for his life and accept a quest to restore a shattered kingdom. |

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| 567309 |  Bardugo, Leigh Six of crows | Hachette Children's Books | 2015 | 9781780622286 | Kaz, Inej, Jesper, Wylan, Mathias and Nina are an unlikely band of misfits who agree to take on a ridiculously impossible mission. Their journey is gripping and filled with unexpected twists and turns. Can they achieve the impossible? Will they make it out alive? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 7883 | Bardugo, Leigh Wonder Woman: Warbringer | Penguin | 2017 | 9780141387376 | Diana longs to prove herself to her legendary warrior sisters. But when the opportunity finally comes, she throws away her chance at glory and breaks Amazon law, risking exile, to save a mere mortal. Even worse, Alia Keralis is no ordinary girl and with this single brave act, Diana may have doomed the world. Alia just wanted to escape her overprotective brother with a semester at sea. She doesn't know she is being hunted. When a bomb detonates aboard her ship, Alia is rescued by a mysterious girl of extraordinary strength and forced to confront a horrible truth: Alia is a Warbringer - a direct descendant of the infamous Helen of Troy, fated to bring about an age of bloodshed and misery. Together, Diana and Alia will face an army of enemies, mortal and divine. determined to either destroy or possess the Warbringer. If they have any hope of saving both their worlds, they will have to stand side by side against the tide of war. |
| 774228 |  Barker, Kathryn Waking Romeo | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760297152 | It's the end of the world. Literally. Time travel is possible, but only forwards. And only a handful of families choose to remain in the 'now', living off the scraps that were left behind. Among these are eighteen-year-old Juliet and the love of her life, Romeo. But things are far from rosy for Jules. Romeo is in a coma and she's estranged from her friends and family, dealing with the very real fallout of their wild romance. Then a handsome time traveller, Ellis, arrives with an important mission that makes Jules question everything she knows about life and love. Can Jules wake Romeo and rewrite her future? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 846272 | Barker, Philip Climb | self-published | 2021 | 9780645252002 | Deserted by her father and kept in the dark about her brother's accident, high schooler Ashley Davies has her own secrets. When she enters a forbidden rock climbing contest to teach her bully a lesson, she ends up uncovering old wounds about her family's connection to another's heartache. Climb is a coming of age story of resilience, grit, and self-discovery. |

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| 588169 | Barnard, Sara Fierce fragile hearts | MacMillan | 2019 | 9781509852888 | Two years after a downward spiral took her as low as you can possibly go, Suzanne is starting again. Again. She's back in Brighton, the only place she felt she belonged, back with her best friends Caddy and Rosie. But they're about to leave for university. When your friends have been your light in the darkness, what happens when you're the one left behind? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 & above. |
| 7917 | Barnard, Simon A-Z of convicts in Van Diemen's Land | Text Publishing Co | 2014 | 9781922079343 | In the first half of the nineteenth century, seventy-three thousand convicts were transported to the British penal colony of Van Diemen's Land. This is an enthralling journey through the personal histories and daily lives of the men, women and children who played a vital role in the building of the settlements, as well as the running of the newly established colony. |
| 1664 | Barnes, Jennifer Lynn Fate | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741663044 | Bailey Morgan is a high school student by day, ancient mystical being by night. As the third Fate, Bailey literally controls the fate of the world but, as plain old Bailey, her life is falling apart. Then, she meets the rest of the Sidhe, an ancient race defined by their power, beauty and a sinister habit of getting what they want at any cost. Before long, Bailey is being drawn into a complicated, otherworldly web. |
| 21415 | Barnes, Jennifer Lynn Tattoo | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741662214 | Bailey Morgan and her friends, Delia, Annabelle and Zo, apply strange, temporary tattoos picked up from a small booth at the mall. The tattoos will, supposedly, last for three days and the girls are sure they will absolutely kill at the school dance. Unfortunately, killing is just what someone has in mind. Along with the tattoo, each girl receives a gift, a supernatural power to help in the fight for their lives. |
| 3147 | Barnhill, Kelly Witch's boy, The | Algonquin young readers | 2015 | 9781616205485 | When Ned and his identical twin tumble from their raft into a raging river, only Ned survives. Villagers are convinced the wrong boy lived. Across the forest that borders Ned's village, Aine, the daughter of the Bandit King, is haunted by her mother's last words: "The wrong boy will save your life and you will save his." When the Bandit King comes to steal the magic Ned's mother, a witch, is meant to protect, Aine and Ned meet. Can they trust each other long enough to cross a dangerous enchanted forest and stop the war about to boil over between their two kingdoms? |

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| 567944 | Baron, Adam Boy underwater | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780008267018 | Cymbeline Igloo doesn't know how to swim. He has NEVER been swimming. Ever. His mother won't let him near the water and he doesn't know why. After he tries (and fails) to swim on his own, he realises there is a bigger mystery to be solved. Cymbeline and his friends work together to find out why his mum has never taken him near the water. |
| 15118 | Barry, Dave & Pearson, Ridley & Call, Greg (ill) Peter and the starcatchers | Disney Press | 2004 | 9780786856831 | In a fast-paced adventure on the high seas and on a faraway island, an orphan boy named Peter and his mysterious new friend, Molly, overcome bands of pirates and thieves in their quest to keep a secret safe and save the world from evil. |
| 12936 | Barton-Wood, Sara Bill Gates: computer legend | White-Thomson Publishing Ltd | 2001 | 9780750238830 | In 1995, Bill Gates launched Microsoft Windows, a computer program now used by people at work and at play all around the world. As head of Microsoft, he is the richest man in the world and aims to be the largest benefactor in history. |
| 4511 | ⦿ Bashford, Taryn Harper effect, The | Pan MacMillan | 2017 | 9781760552091 | Harper Hunter doesn't know how it came to this. Her tennis dreams are collapsing: her coach says she doesn't have what it takes to make it in the world of professional tennis. Her new doubles partner is moody, mysterious and angry at the world. What is he hiding? She is in love with Jacob, but he is her sister's boyfriend. Or, he was. Harper could never betray Aria with Jacob, could she? As Harper's heart and dreams pull her in different directions, she has to figure out exactly what she wants. And just how hard she's willing to fight to get it. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9294 | Bassett, Jan Wrecked: mysteries and disasters at sea | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9781864480894 | True stories about mysteries and disasters at sea. |
| 2554 | ⦿ Bates, Dianne Last refuge, The | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9780733603181 | A realistic and harrowing story of children's courage in the face of domestic violence, with a positive outcome. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 120138 | Bates, Penny Murder of crows, A | Evans Bros | 2007 | 9780237534455 | When Ben's Dad leaves home, Ben and his Mum move to the country to find a better life. Their neighbour, Luke, bullies Ben remorselessly about his city ways and his pet crow, Joe. When Luke threatens to hurt Joe, the crows take their own revenge. |
| 130800 | Bateson, Catherine Being Bee | University of Queensland Press | 2006 | 9780702235665 | Bee isn't about to change just because her dad is going to remarry. However, when Jazz starts living with dad earlier than expected, Bee knows things will change whether she likes it or not. An unlikely source helps her come to terms with the situation. |

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| 3331 | Bateson, Catherine Lisette's Paris notebook | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760293635 | Lisette's gap year after high school begins with a three month trip to Paris. Lisette has never known her father who left before she was born, and knows how much her mother has done for her, so this trip is fulfilling one of her mother's dreams. But is it hers? Should she study art history as her mother wants, when vintage clothing is really her passion? Plus there is the hope that the city of love will weave its magic. When it does there are many hard decisions to make. |
| 15357 | Bateson, Catherine Millie and the night heron | University of Queensland Press | 2005 | 9780702235269 | Millie's artist mum needs a change but Millie isn't so keen. When they move, Millie must start Year 7 in a new school. Fitting in and making friends is hard but Millie is a very special girl and mum's love interest, the new boyfriend, helps. |
| 8928 | Bateson, Catherine Painted love letters | University of Queensland Press | 2002 | 9780702232893 | Chrissie is twelve years old and very close to her dad, an artist, who is dying of lung cancer. Her mother buries herself in her work and Chrissie has to work through her own great grief, clinging to the special gifts her father has given her. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| | Bauer, Michael Gerard Ishmael series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 12605 | Bauer, Michael Gerard Pain, my mother, Sir Tiffy, cyber boy & me, The | Omnibus Books | 2016 | 9781742991504 | Maggie Butt's world is under siege. Not only is a stranger taking over her mother's life but her own as well, and Maggie is not going to let that happen. But, then, there's Sister Evangelina, the one-eyed, snaggle-toothed cat, senior subject choices, the dream date and Cyber Boy, the geek in the library, to contend with as well. |
| 15366 | Bauer, Michael Gerard Running man, The | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781862915756 | When a young artistic boy is asked to draw a portrait of his neighbour, a disabled Vietnam veteran, the neighbours gossip. An uneasy relationship begins to unfold, one that will force the boy and the veteran to confront their darkest secrets, secrets of violence and abuse. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 19209 | Bavati, Robyn Dancing in the dark | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143202363 | Ditty was born to dance but she was also born Jewish. When her strictly religious parents won't let her take ballet lessons, Ditty starts to dance in secret. Keeping her two worlds apart will come at a huge personal cost. |

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| 3866 | Bavati, Robyn Within these walls | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781760152857 | For Miri and her family, life in Warsaw is full of simple joys. The smell of freshly baked challah, the pink flowers that bloom in their courtyard and Fridays, when everyone comes together to celebrate Shabbat. But, the Nazis have a hold on Europe and have stepped up their discrimination and attacks on Jews. Miri's world closes in on her as she and her family are forced into the ghetto, where they must try to survive, against impossible odds. Based on true events. |
| 73 | Bawden, Nina Carrie's war | Oxford University Press | 1997 | 9780198312956 | Carrie is evacuated to a Welsh mining town during the bombing raids on British cities in World War II. |
| 753972 | Bayron, Kalynn Cinderella is dead | Bloomsbury | 2020 | 9781526621979 | It's 200 years since Cinderella found her prince, but the fairytale is over. Sophia knows the story though, off by heart. Because every girl has to recite it daily, from when she's tiny until the night she's sent to the royal ball for choosing. And every girl knows that she has only one chance. For the lives of those not chosen by a man at the ball are forfeit. But Sophia doesn't want to be chosen - she's in love with her best friend, Erin, and hates the idea of being traded like cattle. And when Sophia's night at the ball goes horribly wrong, she must run for her life. Alone and terrified, she finds herself hiding in Cinderella's tomb. And there she meets someone who will show her that she has the power to remake her world ... |
| | Beale, Fleur Juno of Taris series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 18548 | Beames, Margaret Spirit of the deep | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780734408570 | When Jess goes to stay with her unknown grandmother, she learns of her family's secrets that are about to be repeated with devastating results. |
| 94 | Beck, Jennifer & Blacklock, Dyan Crash: the search for the Stinson | Scholastic Australia | 1999 | 9781862913783 | In 1937, a Stinson aircraft crashed, leaving two survivors to be rescued. |
| 20286 | Beckett, Bernard Lullaby | Text Publishing Co | 2016 | 9781922182753 | Following an accident, Rene's twin brother, Theo, lies unconscious, with massively disrupted brain function. An experimental procedure, risky, scientifically exciting and ethically questionable, could allow Theo to gain a new life. Only Rene can give the required consent. But, first, there is the question of Rene's capacity to make the decision and this is where the real story begins. Challenging read, usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 11827 | Bedford, Martyn Flip | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406329896 | One December night, fourteen year old Alex goes to bed. He wakes up to find himself in the wrong bedroom, in an unfamiliar house, in a different part of the country and it's the middle of June. Six months have disappeared overnight. At breakfast, he doesn't know the family and, in the mirror, another face stares back at him. A boy named Flip. Unless Alex finds out what's happened and how to get back to his own life, he may be trapped forever inside another person's body. |
| 13106 | Belbin, David Shouting at the stars | Evans Bros | 2008 | 9780237535230 | Layla is a young singer who is just hitting the big time. But, with all of the excitement of her growing fame comes the eerie presence of an unknown heckler who begins to follow all her performances. She doesn't know who he is or why he's doing it. And, she just wants it to stop. |
| 11853 | Bell, Krista No regrets | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734404305 | Julia, a gifted student, musically and academically, is accelerated to high school. She feels socially isolated and desperately wants to fit in with the other students. Julia's life changes in many ways when the school band travels to Hobart. |
| 37387 | Bell, Krista No tears | Lothian Books | 2006 | 9780734406958 | Xanthe and Julia are best friends. They are both very talented. Xanthe dreams of winning a medal at the National Diving Championships and Julia is a talented musician. Both girls have to deal with some serious challenges to realise their dreams. |
| 12379 | Bell, Krista Who cares | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734404664 | Toby and Rhys are forced to spend a week together in a holiday house by the sea. Surfing makes Rhys happy but Toby is not so keen. Both boys have a secret that they are unwilling to share. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 855850 | Bell, Lucy and Hicks, Astred (ill) You can live on the bright side: The kids' guide to optimism | | | 9780648677031 | This book contains amazing tips, tricks, and strategies to gently encourage and explain how to rise above and find hope and support when things are tough. Feel lighter and optimistic about the future, and more confident, empowered, and inspired to live a happy and healthy life. |
| 587747 | Bellairs, John House with a clock in its walls, The | Piccadilly Press | 2018 | 9781848127715 | Lewis Barnavelt discovers there is a wizard in his family when he comes to live with his Uncle Jonathan. Experimenting with Uncle Jonathan's spells Lewis uncovers the mystery behind the ticking that can be heard throughout the house, sometimes loud sometimes quiet, sometimes slow, sometimes fast. It's an evil clock and it could destroy humankind. It is up to the Barnavelts to find where the clock is hidden in the walls - and stop it. Tick tock, a deadly clock... a terrifying race against time... |

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| 2799 | Beneba Clarke, Maxine Hate race, The | Hachette Children's Books | 2016 | 9780733632280 | Suburban Australia. Sweltering heat. A three bedroom blonde-brick house, a family of five with a beaten-up Ford Falcon. Vegemite on toast. Maxine Beneba Clarke's life is just like all the other Aussie kids on her street. Except for one, glaring, inescapably obvious thing. A challenging read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 641039 | Beneba Clarke, Maxine and Yussuf, Ahmed and Magan, Magan (eds) Growing up African in Australia | Black Ink Press | 2019 | 9781760640934 | People of African descent have been in Australia for at least 200 years, having arrived here in many different ways- directly from the continent; via the Caribbean, the Americas and the United Kingdom; making the journey to Australia over one generation, or several. What is it like to grow up African in Australia? This anthology showcases diverse voices, experiences and stories in order to answer that question. Accounts from well-known authors and high-profile cultural and sporting identities sit alongside newly discovered voices of all ages, with experiences spanning regions, cities and generations. All of the pieces call for understanding, oftentimes challenging stereotypes, always demanding respect. Growing Up African aims to defy, question or shed light on the many stereotypes that currently exist about the vibrant extended African community in Australia. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 3829 | Benjamin, Ali Thing about jellyfish, The | Little, Brown CO | 2015 | 9780316380867 | After her best friend, Franny, dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting. Franny was a strong swimmer and there must be a reason. Retreating into a silent world of grief and imagination, Suzy crafts a plan to prove her theory, even if it means traveling the globe alone. Suzy's achingly heartfelt journey explores life, death, the astonishing wonder of the universe, and the potential for love and hope right next door. |
| 43441 | Bennett, M A S.T.A.G.S. | Hot Key Books | 2017 | 9781471406768 | When Greer MacDonald is one of a select few invited to a weekend of hunting, shooting and fishing at historic Longcross Hall by the mysterious Henry De Walencourt she cannot believe her luck but things may not all be what they seem. It does not take long for the students to realise that there is something more sinister afoot at Longcross than simply the dark corridors and animal heads hanging in every room. In fact their very lives might be at stake! A thriller full of twists and turns for lovers of The Hunger Games. Includes mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 571055 | ○ Bennett, M. A. Island, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781471407536 | Link has experienced three years of bullying at the exclusive Osney School in London before he decides enough is enough. However, he agrees to stay on for one more team building activity on a desert island at the request of his parents before being allowed to leave. Things go from bad to worse however, when the plane goes down and Link is alone with his worst tormentors and no adults to modify their predatory behaviour. With no practical experience, Link must rely on nothing but the knowledge of how to survive, gleaned from novels and pop culture, to try to turn everything around and rescue himself from the bottom of a brutal teenage hierarchy. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above. |
| 17550 | ○ Bennett, Veronica Angelmonster | Walker Books | 2005 | 9780744559866 | Mary and her sister, Jane, always longed to be carried off by a handsome poet. The reality of life with Percy Shelley and Lord Byron is a combination of romance and tragedy. Adult themes around their liberated behaviour may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 110684 | ○ Bennett, Veronica Cassandra's sister | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781844281473 | In Austen's society, there are two outcomes to love. Either your heart is broken or your love is returned leading to a lifetime of child-bearing and preserve-making. Find out whether Jane Austen ever met her real life Mr Darcey. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 804756 | Bergmoser, Gabriel True colour of a little white lie, The | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2021 | 9781460759097 | After a catastrophic attempt to ask out his crush, Nelson is desperate for any chance to escape the daily humiliations of his small-town high school. And with his parents taking over a nearby ski lodge, that chance seems to have arrived. At the snow, Nelson discovers a whole new freedom in a world where nobody knows he's a loser. Now he can be whoever he wants to be... But reinvention is complicated, especially when a few white lies land Nelson in the middle of an unexpected love triangle and on a path towards certain embarrassment. |
| 36214 | Bernard, Patricia My Australian story: Claw of the dragon, the diary of Billy Shanghai Hamilton, Broome, Western Australia, 1899-1900 | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781865048611 | Billy Shanghai Hamilton has been snatched by pirates in the Torres Strait and forced to work on a pearling boat. Greed for pearls drives men mad and the seas are full of danger. Soon Billy is fighting for survival in a dangerous world of assassins, treasure hunters, deep-sea diving, underworld crime and mutiny. |
| 12450 | Bernard, Patricia My Australian story: Fords and flying machines, the diary of Jack McLaren, Longreach, 1919-1921 | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781865045627 | Jack McLaren, a fourteen year old, is offered a mechanics apprenticeship in Longreach, Queensland. He gets to travel north with two World War 1 pilots in a model T Ford, finding the best route for an air race. The beginning of QANTAS. |

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| 294 | ● Bernard, Patricia Outcast, The | HarperCollins Australia | 1997 | 9780732257682 | First in the Outcast Trilogy, this story introduces the chip-enhanced city dwellers of the future. |
| 15399 | Bernard, Patricia Stegosaur stone | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781865046204 | Three loyal teenagers witness a murder and theft of a priceless dinosaur fossil. They are not supposed to be in the National Park at night and are in great danger. An international crime gang is not going to let them get in its way. |
| 22694 | Betts, A J Zac & Mia | Text Publishing Co | 2013 | 9781922147257 | Zac is a country boy who's in hospital with leukaemia. In the room next door is an angry teenager who wants to seize a lot of emotional space. In the real world, Zac wouldn't, couldn't, be friends with her. But, in hospital, different rules apply and courage is needed. It begins with a knock on the wall. |
| 567919 | Betts, A.J. Hive | Pan MacMillan | 2018 | 9781760556433 | Hayley tends to her bees and follows the rules in the only world she has ever known. Until she witnesses the impossible: a drip from the ceiling. A drip? It doesn't make sense. Yet she hears it, catches it. Tastes it. Curiosity is a hook. What starts as a drip leads to a lie, a death, a boy, a beast, and too many awful questions. |
| 580938 | Bialik, Mayim Girling up: how to be strong, smart and spectacular | Penguin | 2017 | 9780399548604 | Mayim Bialik talks about what it means to grow up - puberty, friends, education, stress - no topic is off limits. In her friendly voice, she talks about what her tween and teen years were like and how to handle your own struggles through these changes. |
| 9397 | Biesty, Stephen & Platt, Richard (ill) Incredible body (Stephen Biesty's) | Dorling Kindersley | 1998 | 9780751358414 | An exciting and adventurous way to find out how the body works by following two tiny explorers through arteries, veins, bones and organs. |
| 12360 | Biesty, Stephen & Solway, Andrew Rome in spectacular cross-section | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9780439455466 | Titus Cotta Maximus, a young boy, travels through the city of ancient Rome. Stephen Biesty's wonderfully detailed cutaway drawings convey daily life in these times with a touch of humour. |
| 56355 | ● Biggs, Barbara Chat room | Micklind enterprises | 2006 | 9780764228230 | Sam is thirteen and has recently moved from Sydney to Melbourne with her high powered, busy parents. She has started at a new school and feels lonely and isolated. Sam logs onto chat rooms for company and begins a friendship with Chatman, a charming seventeen year old. But, Chatman is not what he seems and the developing friendship takes a sinister turn. Addresses contemporary problems associated with the anonymity of chat rooms and internet predators. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 2419 | Bilkuei, Cola Cola's journey | MacMillan | 2008 | 9781405038416 | In 1987, Cola Bilkuei, a young boy from Sudan, was forcibly recruited into the Sudan People's Liberation Army. In a military training camp, Cola and hundreds of other children were systematically brutalised to turn them into child soldiers to fight a savage civil war. The book recounts his harrowing, fourteen year journey through seven African countries to reach Australia as a refugee. Some strong language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 16753 | Binding, Tim & Barrett, Angela (ill) Sylvie and the songman | David Fickling Books | 2008 | 9780385611213 | Sylvie's beloved dog, Mr Jackson, has lost his bark. The birds have stopped singing. In the growing silence, her dad, her dear music-making dad, has disappeared. Sylvie and her best friend, George, are drawn into the nightmare world of the songman. Only they can save the earth from its terrible, voiceless fate. |
| 9879 | Bingham, Kelly Shark girl | Candlewick Press | 2010 | 9780763646271 | Everything changed after Jane went for a swim at the beach. Now, she is returning to school with her fake arm and the kids whisper about the shark girl and stare. Jane wonders why this happened and what it will mean for her, and her love of art. |
| 803484 | Binks, Danielle Monster of her age, The | Lothian Books | 2021 | 9780734419736 | Ellie Marsden was born into the legendary Lovinger acting dynasty. Grandmother of the infamous Lottie Lovinger as a child Ellie shared the screen with Lottie playing the child monster in a cult indie horror movie. The experience left her traumatised and estranged from family members. Now 17, Ellie has returned home to Hobart as Lottie is dying and Ellie wants to make peace with her before it's too late. Ellie meets Riya, a young film buff who leads a feminist horror film club. Is this someone she could show her true self to and at last come to terms with her family's legacy. |
| 4150 | Binks, Danielle (ed) Begin, end, begin: A #loveOzYA anthology | HarperCollins Australia | 2017 | 9781460752319 | Bestsellers. Award-winners. Superstars. This anthology has them all. With brilliantly entertaining short stories from beloved young adult authors Amie Kaufman, Melissa Keil, Will Kostakis, Ellie Marney, Jaclyn Moriarty, Michael Pryor, Alice Pung, Gabrielle Tozer, Lili Wilkinson and Danielle Binks, this all-new collection will show the world exactly how much there is to love about Aussie YA. |
| 2883 | Bixley, Donovan Much ado about Shakespeare | John Reed Books | 2016 | 9781927262023 | Shakespeare has never been out of fashion. In his lifetime, he was incredibly successful and, after his death, Shakespeare's works were published to the world. This is a new interpretation of Shakespeare's stages, a play on words, which sheds light on the colourful and exuberant world of Shakespeare's life and times. You won't find the sainted genius, solemn with quill and ink-stained hand. High of brow he may have been, but never high-brow. Shakespeare was in the thick of it. |

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| 21095 | Black, Cally In the dark spaces | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2017 | 9781760128647 | Tamara has been living on a freighter in deep space, and her kidnappers are terrifying Crowpeople - the only aliens humanity has ever encountered. No-one has ever survived a Crowpeople attack, until now - and Tamara must use everything she has just to stay alive. But survival always comes at a price, and there's no handbook for this hostage crisis. As Tamara comes to know the Crowpeople's way of life, and the threats they face from humanity's exploration into deep space, she realises she has an impossible choice to make. Should she stay as the only human among the Crows, knowing she'll never see her family again - or inevitably betray her new community if she wants to escape? |
| 678711 | Black, Holly Cruel prince, The | Hot Key Books | 2018 | 9781471407277 | How do you go from living a perfectly normal suburban life with your family to finding out your mother was once married to a powerful and violent warlord fairy and your sister is half fairy too? What happens when you are taken away to live with this man's family in the fairy world - how do you survive when you have no fairy powers or qualities to protect you. What happens when you meet the dangerous and cruel Prince of Fairies who seems to particularly resent you living in his world? And can you ever grow to love the man who is your father in the fairy world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 13720 | Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra Magisterium: The bronze key | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2016 | 9780552567701 | Students at the Magisterium are supposed to be safe. Under the watchful eyes of the mages, they are taught to use magic to bring order to a chaotic world. But, now, the chaos is fighting back. After the shocking death of one of their classmates, Call, Tamara and Aaron must use the powerful magic they've been taught and risk their lives to track down the killer. But, magic is dangerous. In the wrong hands, it could bring terrible destruction and reveal the deadliest secret of all. |
| 5915 | Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra Magisterium: The copper gauntlet | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9780552567718 | Callum Hunt's summer break isn't typical, especially when he discovers that his dad might be trying to destroy both him and his companion, Havoc, a wolf. Call escapes to the magical world of the Magisterium but the Alkahest, a copper gauntlet capable of separating magicians from their magic, has been stolen. In their search, Call and his friends attract some dangerous foes and discover an even more dangerous truth. |



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| 585776 | Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra Magisterium: The golden tower | Scholastic US | 2018 | 9780552567756 | Think you know magic? Think again. The final instalment of the epic series from bestselling authors Holly Black and Cassandra Clare. A generation ago, powerful mage Constantine Madden came close to achieving what no magician had ever achieved: the ability to bring back the dead. He didn't succeed . . . but he did find a way to keep himself alive, inside a young child named Callum Hunt. Facing up to what he is, Callum has battled chaos and evil across four years of magical training at the Magisterium, eventually defeating the armies of chaos in an epic battle. It came at a cost. Now, triumphant and heartbroken, Callum Hunt has just about had enough, and is ready to complete his training. But the evil Callum faced has not given up just yet . . . |
| 2633 | Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra Magisterium: The iron trial | Doubleday | 2014 | 9780857532503 | Most people would do anything to get into the Magisterium and learn about the world of magic. But, not Callum. He's been told his whole life that he should never trust a magician, so he tries his best to do his worst - but fails at failing. |
| 585771 | Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra Magisterium: The silver mask | Scholastic US | 2017 | 9780545522380 | A generation ago, Constantine Madden came close to achieving what no magician had ever achieved: the ability to bring back the dead. He didn't succeed . . . but he did find a way to keep himself alive, inside a young child named Callum Hunt. Now Call is one of the most feared and reviled students in the history of the Magisterium, thought to be responsible for a devastating death and an ever-present threat of war. As a result, Call has been imprisoned and interrogated. Everyone wants to know what Constantine was up to -- and how he lives on. But Call has no idea. It is only when he's broken out of prison that the full potential of Constantine's plan is suddenly in his hands . . . and he must decide what to do with his power. In this spellbinding fourth book of the Magisterium, bestselling authors Holly Black and Cassandra Clare take us beyond the realm of the living, and into the dangers of the dead. |
| 6638 | Blackadder, Jesse Paruku: the desert brumby | ABC Books | 2014 | 9780733331794 | A middle eastern sheik wants to capture wild brumbies roaming the Kimberley Ranges and train them to become race horses. A horse vet and his daughter Rachel go into the outback to round up some horses with the help of local aborigines. Rachel finds her feelings divided between wanting freedom for the horses and serving her father. |

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| | Blackburn, Richard Gatekeeper series | | | | Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the Series lists for individual book titles. |
| 350 | Blackwood, Gary Shakespeare stealer, The | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141305950 | Set in and around London in the mid 1600s, Widge is ordered by his master to go to the Globe Theatre and copy Shakespeare's Hamlet. |
| 23044 | Blain, Georgia Special | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9780857988072 | Fern Marlow is alone, datawiped and in hiding. Her mobie says she's Delia Greene, a refuse sorter. Every day, she queues to work, to earn enough to stay alive. She dreams of the past and the life she's meant to be living, for those wealthy enough or lucky enough to be genetically designed. Her rescuers said her former life was a lie. They said they'd come back for her but they haven't. Fern doesn't know who to trust or believe. To save herself, Fern must answer the one question she can't face. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5307 | Blair, Juliet Lucy's dawn | National Library of Australia | 2018 | 9780642279170 | Fourteen-year-old Lucy cannot believe her luck when she starts working in Louisa Lawson's female printery. But it is the 1880s and male printers everywhere think this type of work should be left to the men. When the union too decides to make life difficult for Lucy and her printer friends, Lucy knows she has many battles ahead. Along the way she will realise who her real friends are, and find first love. |
| 9336 | Blake, Bronwyn Dangerous waters | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734404671 | Joshua and his cousin, Zoe, see two men fighting and hear a gunshot. The police believe the murder is linked to armed robberies in the area. The cousins decision to investigate places them in danger. |
| 7400 | Blake, Bronwyn Find me a river | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734402615 | A story that focuses on the common and shared history of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, and how many individuals are personally coming to terms with this history. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 18691 | Blake, Bronwyn Paddy McCann, time shifter | Lothian Books | 2005 | 9780734407832 | A humorous, futuristic tale of irrepressible Paddy, a Year 8 student. Due to a series of mishaps, Paddy is seen as a troublemaker and his teacher has it in for him. His mission in 3005 AD is to get through life without losing the plot or anything else. |
| 803716 | Blake, Emily Little secrets: Playing with fire | Scholastic Australia | 2006 | 9780439810531 | Her mother's in jail. Her best friend betrayed her. Who can Alison trust? Hidden pasts, Unexpected betrayals, twisted friendships, sweet revenge, Let the drama begin... |

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| 5987 | Blake, Kendare One dark throne | MacMillan | 2017 | 9781509807734 | The battle for the crown has begun, but which of the three sisters will prevail? With the unforgettable events of the Quickening behind them and the Ascension Year underway, all bets are off. Katharine, once the weak and feeble sister, is stronger than ever before. Arsinoe, after discovering the truth about her powers, must figure out how to make her secret talent work in her favour without anyone finding out. And Mirabella, once thought to be the strongest sister of all and the certain Queen Crowned, faces attacks like never before- ones that put those around her in danger that she can't seem to prevent. |
| 2356 | Blankman, Anne Prisoner of night and fog | Hachette Children's Books | 2014 | 9781472207845 | For Gretchen Muller, Hitler is her friendly uncle who has always been there for her and her family since the death of her father. But, as Hitler's hold over Germany strengthens, he will be forever changed in Gretchen's eyes. She will do anything to uncover the truth, with the help of a young Jewish reporter. Contains some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 19568 | Bloom, Cameron (photo) & Grieve, Bradley Trevor Penguin bloom | ABC Books | 2016 | 9780733334948 | In a shocking accident, Cameron's wife, Sam, suffers a near fatal fall that leaves her paralysed and deeply depressed. Into their lives comes Penguin, an injured magpie chick, abandoned after she fell from her nest. A true story of hope and courage. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9448 | Bloom, Jessica Plenitude | self-published | 2002 | 9780958136006 | Poetry, written by a young Sydney girl, to inspire primary and junior high school students. Some of the poems have challenging themes for older readers, including insightful views on death. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 820475 | Blume, Judy Are you there, God? It's me, Margaret | Pan MacMillan | 1970 | 9781447286813 | Margaret Simon, almost twelve, likes long hair, tuna fish, the smell of rain, and things that are pink. She's just moved from New York City to Farbook, New Jersey, and is anxious to fit in with her new friends -- Nancy, Gretchen, and Janie. When they form a secret club to talk about private subjects like boys, bras, and getting their first periods, Margaret is happy to belong. But none of them can believe Margaret doesn't have religion, and that she isn't going to the Y or the Jewish Community Center. What they don't know is Margaret has her own very special relationship with God. She can talk to God about everything -- family, friends, even Moose Freed, her secret crush. Margaret is funny and real, and her thoughts and feelings are oh-so-relatable -- you'll feel like she's talking right to you, sharing her secrets with a friend. |

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| 31066 | ⦿ Bobsien, Gerry Surf ache: how do you choose between the things you love | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150920 | That blonde boy can really surf. Ellie's move ends her relationship with Jamie and leads to a complete change in interests. She is redefining herself as a surfer with a new love interest. Her prowess as a beginner could be due to her dancing or the good genes she has inherited from her mum. Ella learns to cope with being the new kid, with the ex and the potential boyfriend meeting up, and with the adults in her life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 3018 | Bogle, Eric & Whatley, Bruce (ill) And the band played Waltzing Matilda | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781743317051 | Eric Bogle's famous but depressing anti-war song about the Battle of Gallipoli was written in 1971, inspired by the Vietnam War and the lukewarm response of the Australian public to the returning soldiers. It explores the futility of war with haunting power. The accompanying illustrations are graphic and certainly do not glorify war. A timely story for every generation. |
| 45873 | Boie, Kirsten Princess plot, The | Chicken House | 2009 | 9781905294541 | Jenna is excited to be chosen to act in a movie about a princess, amazed when her mother gives her permission to fly off for the filming and confused when she realises she is the spitting image of the missing Princess of Scandia. |
| 4822 | Bone, Emily & Cowan, Laura History of fashion, A | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781474924931 | A beautifully illustrated book that tells the story of how fashion has changed and evolved over thousands of years. From animal skins worn by the very first people, to flapper dresses, flares and other modern fashions in the 20th century. |
| 9420 | Bone, Ian Blood on the microphone | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780734401700 | Saffie Grundig decides to find out about her older sister, Ruby, and the secrets she is keeping. What's really going on at the sleazy Comedy House where Ruby has a cleaning job. Saffie, assisted by retired TV actor, Sarge, begins her investigations. |
| 4156 | Bone, Ian Spy babies | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780734401052 | Imagine finding yourself in the body of a baby, with all the disadvantages that would bring. |
| 4391 | ⦿ Bone, Ian That dolphin thing | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141311265 | Mac's mother is dying of cancer. Mac attempts to make friends and settle into school life. His promise to swim with his mother and the dolphins becomes an insurmountable nightmare. Help comes from an unexpected source. Some coarse language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 926 | ⦿ Bongers, Christine Dust | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741664461 | Cecilia grew up on a farm, with her six brothers, in rural Queensland. She despised her neighbours, the Kapernicky girls. When Cecilia returns as an adult, secrets which were deeply buried come to the surface. Contains adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 4305 | Bongers, Christine Intruder | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9780857983763 | Fourteen year old Kat Jones' life has been on hold since the death of her mother. When Kat is woken by an intruder looming over her bed, she is saved by her neighbour, Edwina, whom she believes betrayed her dying mother. And Kat certainly doesn't want Hercules, the world's ugliest guard dog, in her life. But, to stop the prowler, Kat will need to accept Edwina's help, develop friendships and learn to trust again. |
| 628180 | Booth, Christina One careless night | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781925381856 | Where the mist swallows mountains and winds whisper through ancient trees, a mother and her pup run wild and free. They hunt, but they are also hunted. Carted away. Sold for bounty. And then, one careless night...The last thylacine is gone. The beautiful but heartbreaking story of Australia's last thylacine (Tasmanian tiger), which died in captivity. |
| | Bosch, Pseudonymous Secret series | | | | It all starts with a magician and a mysterious box of vials. Investigating would be very dangerous. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 151 | Bosse, Malcolm J Ganesh | HarperCollins Australia | 1981 | 9780690041033 | A boy tries to fit into American society after he has grown up in India. The story concerns the death of a parent and details a traditional Indian cremation. |
| 6620 | Bow, Erin Wood angel | Chicken House | 2011 | 9781906427603 | Plain Kate lives in a time afraid of magic. She has a gift for carving 'lucky' wooden-charms and is known as Witch-Blade. Her unusual gift attracts dangerous attention in a place where witches are burned. When her village falls on bad times, suspicion falls on Kate and, scared for her life, she seeks the help of a mysterious stranger. In exchange for her shadow, the stranger will assist her, but Kate becomes part of a terrifying plan, darker than she ever dreamed. |

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| 4240 |  Bowe, Steph Night swimming | Griffin Press | 2017 | 9781925498165 | Imagine being the only two seventeen-year-olds in a small town. That's life for Kirby Arrow named after the most dissenting judge in Australia's history and her best friend Clancy Lee, would-be musical star. Clancy wants nothing more than to leave town and head for the big smoke, but Kirby is worried: her family has a history of leaving. She hasn't heard from her father since he left when she was a baby. Shouldn't she stay to help her mother with the goat's-milk soap-making business and look after her grandfather? And how could she leave her pet goat, Stanley, her dog Maude, and her cat Marianne? But two things happen that change everything for Kirby. She finds an article in the newspaper about her father, and Iris arrives in town. Iris is beautiful, wears crazy clothes, plays the mandolin, and seems perfect.. Clancy has his heart set on winning over Iris. Trouble is Kirby is also falling in love with Iris...Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 8712 | Bowen, Victoria War's end | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741663662 | Dad is finally on his way home from The Great War. Everyone, especially Mum, is excited and full of plans for the homecoming and the future. Twelve year old Nell barely remembers Dad but when Spanish Influenza hits Perth, delaying his return, Nell begins to understand the gap in the family his absence has created. |
| 393 | Bowles, Colin Surfing Mr. Petrovic | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140386417 | While this story appears to be about the activities of a rebellious boy, there are underlying themes of anger and sadness over the break-up of a family. |
| 4812 | Boyne, John Boy at the top of mountain, The | Corgi Books | 2015 | 9780552573542 | When Pierrot becomes an orphan, he must leave Paris to live with Aunt Beatrix, a servant in a household at the top of the German mountains. This is no ordinary time. It is 1935 and the Second World War is fast approaching. And, this is no ordinary house, it is the Berghof, Adolf Hitler's home. Pierrot is thrown into an increasingly dangerous world of terror, secrets and betrayal, from which he may never be able to escape. |
| 18452 |  Boyne, John Boy in the striped pyjamas, The | David Fickling Books | 2006 | 9780385609401 | Bruno is the naive, nine year old son of the Commandant of Auschwitz concentration camp. Through his covert friendship with Shmuel, a young Jewish boy, Bruno becomes aware of the cruelty and suffering. A touching, disturbing story. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 32309 | Boyne, John Noah Barleywater runs away | David Fickling Books | 2010 | 9780385618953 | Eight year old Noah is running away from his problems, or at least that's what he thinks, the day he takes the untrodden path through the forest. When he comes across a very unusual toyshop and meets the even more unusual toymaker, he's not sure what to expect. But, the toymaker has a story to tell, a story full of adventure and wonder and broken promises. |



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| 4145 | Boyne, John Stay where you are and then leave | Doubleday | 2013 | 9780857532947 | Alfie's birthday is one he cannot forget, because it is the day World War I is announced. His life changes as his father enlists. Letters come, eagerly read between his mother, granny and himself. As the letters' cheerful tone changes, mother hides the letters and tells Alfie rather than reads what they contain. Then the letters stop and Alfie begins a mission of his own to find out the truth. |
| 10578 | Bracken, Alexandra Passenger | HarperCollins Australia | 2016 | 9781460752043 | New York violin prodigy Etta loses everything one night when she is pulled through time to 1776 to the midst of a fierce sea battle. Etta discovers that the powerful Ironwood family are looking for a long lost object that could remake the future, and they think Etta holds the clue to finding it. Along with the swashbuckling privateer Nicholas, who has his own painful history with the Ironwood family, Etta must embark on a perilous journey across centuries and continents to piece together the clues and stay one step ahead of the Ironwood clan. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| | Bradford, Chris Young samurai series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 26551 | Bradley, James Buried ark, The | Pan MacMillan | 2018 | 9781743549902 | Callie risked everything to try to save her sister Gracie from the Change, but she failed. Now she has to risk everything simply to stay alive in the Zone where the Change is everywhere and nothing is what it seems. Until she stumbles across a secret from her past that might hold the key to defeating the Change. Hunted and alone, she finds refuge in the most unexpected of places, only to find that she is in more danger than ever. This book is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 176 | Bradman, Tony Gripping war stories | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9780552545266 | This is a compilation of ten stories about the human response to war, with settings such as the Falklands, Sarajevo and Jerusalem. |
| 132 | Branford, Henrietta Fire, bed and bone | Walker Books | 2002 | 9780744590494 | Set in England in 1381, this story of political and emotional unrest is seen through the eyes of an old farm dog. |
| 9456 | Brassi, G Riding the rough | Scholastic New Zealand | 1990 | 9781869434427 | Angie is an excellent judge of character and a very patient person. She has to be. As major babysitter to her two younger siblings, her stamina is tested to the limit. |




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| 8761 | Braxton-Smith, Ananda Death: the horror of the plague, The | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742030739 | Thomas Timewell is sixteen, living in England in 1828, where body-snatching is rife, cut-throats are about and terrible novelists are absorbing the lives of wealthy women with nothing better to do. Contains some horror and mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 92217 | Breslin, Theresa Nostradamus prophecy, The | Corgi Books | 2008 | 9780552557214 | When Nostradamus prophesies a great massacre, only Catherine de' Medici, mother of the young French King, Charles, pays heed to the dire warning. But, the soothsayer also has a message for Melisande, the minstrel's daughter. Upon his death, Nostradamus entrusts her with fulfilling his final prophecy. |
| | Brewer, Heather Chronicles of Vladimir Tod series | | | | It is difficult enough being in high school, but being a teenage vampire raises the level considerably. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 1856 | Briggs, Raymond Gentleman Jim | Jonathan Cape | 2008 | 9780224085243 | Jim Bloggs, a lavatory assistant, is dissatisfied with his life and wishes to rise above his station, if only he had more education. Encouraged by his wife, Hilda, he explores options such as being a cowboy. He finally settles on being a highwayman but not everyone sees his trusty steed, and his quest to rob the rich and give to the poor, in a positive light. |
| 4786 | Briggs, Raymond When the wind blows | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 1993 | 9780140094190 | Gentle cartoon pictures belie the hard hitting message as an elderly couple prepare for the nuclear holocaust with typically British, stiff upper lips. |
| 303 | Brinsmead, Hesba Pastures of the blue crane | University of Queensland Press | 2004 | 9780702234620 | A lonely girl discovers that she has inherited a property in northern Queensland. The grandfather she has never known goes with her to this unfamiliar, rural community. |
| 601799 | Britt, Fanny & Arsenault, Isabelle (ill) Louis undercover: graphic novel | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406378429 | Louis, is a young boy who shuttles between his mum's home in the city and his dad's house in the country, with his little brother, Truffle who loves to sing James Brown songs. While coming to terms with the sadness and complexities of his divorced parents' relationship, Louis - with the help of his best friend, Boris - is also trying to summon up the courage to speak to his true love, Billie. A thoughtful and stunning graphic novel. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above. |

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| 4002 | Britt, Fanny & Arsenault, Isabelle (ill) & Morelli, Christelle (trans) & Ouriou, Susan (trans) Jane, the fox and me | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781406353044 | Helene has been inextricably ostracised by the girls who were once her friends. Her school life is full of whispers and lies. Her loving mother is too tired to help. Helene has one consolation, Charlotte Bronte's <i>Jane Eyre</i> , where she can identify with Jane's tribulations and ignore her tormentors. On school camp, an encounter with a fox brings hope for Helene, and then comes Geraldine. |
| 215 | Bronte, Charlotte <i>Jane Eyre</i> | Penguin | 2002 | 9780140439304 | Only nine when she is orphaned and sent to live with an unloving aunt, Jane spends miserable, lonely years at boarding school before becoming a governess in the home of a mysterious man. A classic story. |
| 20627 | Bronte, Emily <i>Wuthering Heights</i> | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2009 | 9780007326747 | As the snow begins to fall, a man is forced to take shelter at the dark, foreboding <i>Wuthering Heights</i> . This house is haunted by memories and the dangerous story of Cathy and Heathcliff, who fell violently in love but could not be together. Cruelly separated by social class, fate, the actions of others and their own bitterness, Cathy and Heathcliff are united in an all-consuming passion that lasts beyond death. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2137 | Brooke, Lauren <i>Heartland: coming home</i> | Scholastic Australia | 2000 | 9780439997959 | Endurance overcoming grief and the importance of family and friends. <i>Heartland</i> is a recovery centre for horses that have been rescued from neglect and physical cruelty. Amy and her mum try to rescue an abandoned stallion but disaster strikes. |
| 9323 | Brooke, Peggy <i>Jake's orphan</i> | Simon SCHUSTER | 2001 | 9780743427036 | Young orphan, Tree, fervently wishes to set up a home for himself and his brother away from the orphanage in this story about identity, belonging and the transfiguring power of love. |
| 6121 | Brooks, Ben Stories for kids who dare to be different: True tales of boys and girls who stood up and stood out | Quercus Children's Books | 2018 | 9781787476523 | Boys will be boys and girls will be girls? Not in this book. More extraordinary true stories of amazing Boys and Girls, Women and Men, who broke the mould and changed the world for the better. Have the courage to be yourself, and your dreams might come true.... |
| 26541 | Brooks, Ben & Winter, Quinton (ill) Stories for boys who dare to be different | Quercus Children's Books | 2018 | 9781787471986 | 100 stories, with fun illustrations, about men and boys who have done something unusual or unexpected to make the world a better place. A beautiful and inspiring collection of stories about boys who changed the world without killing a single dragon or saving a single princess. |
| 17476 | Brooks, Karen R <i>Kurs of Atlantis, The</i> | Lothian Books | 2004 | 9780734407269 | Caz and Simon are on a quest to find the lost city of Atlantis. They encounter many perils and adventures. When they think they have survived the very worst that could happen, they realise that an even greater danger awaits them. |

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| 75057 | Brooksbank, Anne Father's day | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143305682 | Sam has been saving his paper-round money for years to buy a boat. When a mysterious person doubles the money in his bank account, Sam could never imagine the trouble it would cause. |
| 1291 | Broome, Errol Cry of the karri | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9781865084015 | When Aiden is lost in the forest, he is drawn into the mystery of a boy who disappeared in the same forest two years before. |
| 643335 | Broskol, Vera Be prepared | First Second | 2018 | 9781626724457 | Her friends live in fancy houses and their parents can afford to send them to the best summer camps. Vera's single mother can't afford that sort of luxury, but there's one summer camp in her price range - Russian summer camp. Vera is sure she's found the one place she can fit in, but camp is far from what she imagined. And nothing could prepare her for all the "cool girl" drama, endless Russian history lessons, and outhouses straight out of nightmares! |
| 96287 | Brough, Ernest Dangerous days: the true story of a digger's great escape | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2009 | 9780732287511 | At nineteen, Ern signs up for the army to fight with the ANZACs. By twenty two, he is a prisoner of war. Ern and his mates are determined to escape and join their comrades in war. |
| 9447 | Brown, Alan Tolpuddle boy | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2002 | 9780340852033 | In 1834, six Dorset farm labourers were sentenced to seven years transportation to Australia. Their crime, setting up a friendly society to bargain for better wages to escape appalling poverty. The true story of the youngest Tolpuddle martyr, James Brine. |
| 18124 | Brown, David Draw wild animals | A C Black | 2005 | 9780713669640 | Specialist instruction book that will appeal to students interested in art and drawing. Step-by-step instructions and examples included. |
| 4578 | Browne, Anthony Tunnel, The | Walker Books | 1997 | 9780744555295 | Jack disappears down a tunnel and is turned to stone. Fairytale-loving Rose has to restore him to flesh and blood. A dark, but ultimately, liberating fantasy about sibling rivalry, stereotyping, fear and the power of love. |
| 12364 | Brugman, Alyssa Being Bindy | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781741142181 | This is what happens when your worst enemy, who used to be your best friend, threatens to become your sister. Bindy makes some tough decisions as she faces adolescence and the problems caused by her parents' new relationships. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 46080 | Bryson, Bill Really short history of nearly everything, A | Doubleday | 2008 | 9780385614801 | An entertaining and accessible look at the how and who of scientific discovery; the wonder and mysteries of time and space; the frequently bizarre and often obsessive scientists and the methods they used; the crackpot theories which held sway and the extraordinary, accidental discoveries which advanced whole areas of science. |

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| 9968 | Buick, Nikki Sandy feet | University of Queensland Press | 2015 | 9780702253157 | Hunter's mum thinks the road trip up the Queensland coast will bring the family closer, now that his stepdad and baby brother are part of the mix. But, with tension and secrets sizzling beneath the happy family facade, the trip becomes Hunter's worst nightmare. The further away from home he gets, the more he can't shake thoughts of the accident that took his dad away. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9316 | Bull, Angela & Forsey, Chris My story: flying ace, the story of Amelia Earhart | Dorling Kindersley | 2000 | 9781740330770 | Amelia Earhart was the first female aviator to cross the Atlantic. This courageous pilot disappeared in terrible weather conditions after flying out of Australia. She believed women must attempt the same challenges as men. |
| 9312 | Burgess, Melvin Cry of the wolf, The | Puffin UK | 1995 | 9780140373189 | Ben learns about extinction and survival when he changes from helping the hunter to saving the wolves. The hunter becomes the hunted in this story of the sole surviving grey wolf cub. |
| | Burke, Bob Third Pig Detective Agency, The series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 94547 | Burke, J. C. Red cardigan, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780759320291 | Evie sees things. She's wary of the other kids at school- she doesn't want them to see her drawings or know how different she is...what would they say? She tries hard to block it all out and pretends to be normal, just like every one else. But a missing girl is trying to tell Evie something. A girl who is very persistent, who will not give up. A girl who once wore the red cardigan Evie now wears. As much as she tries, Evie can no longer ignore the question that demands an answer...who is the girl in the red cardigan? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 3370 |  Burke, J.C. Things we promise, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760290405 | It's the early 1990s and all Gemma can think about is looking perfect for her first school formal. Gemma's brother Billy - New York's up and coming hair and make-up artist - has made her the ultimate promise: he's returning home especially to 'create magic' on her and two friends for their end-of-year formal. Gemma's best friend, Andrea, is convinced it'll be their moment to shine; Gemma hopes it's the night Ralph will finally notice her. But when Billy arrives home from New York, Gemma's life becomes complicated. Her family's been keeping secrets; friendships are forged and broken; and suddenly the length of her formal dress is the least of her worries. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 34996 | Burnie, David How animals work | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405351928 | Burrow underground with a mole rat, join a brown bear on a fishing expedition, witness a honeybee dance and take flight with a flock of flamingos. Explore the incredible animal kingdom and find out how animals move, communicate, hunt and feed in their natural habitats. |
| 4341 | Burroughs, Edgar Rice Tarzan of the apes | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2008 | 9780141036533 | Abandoned to his fate when his English parents die in the African jungle, a baby boy is rescued and reared by a loving ape, foster mother. Tarzan grows into a mighty warrior, becoming leader of his tribe of apes, until he encounters humans for the first time. |
| 660417 |  Burton, David Man in the water, The | University of Queensland Press | 2019 | 9780702262524 | When 16-year-old Shaun discovers a dead body in the lake of a quiet mining town in outback Queensland, he immediately reports it to the police. But when he returns to the site with the constable, the body is gone. Shaun's father drowned a few years ago, and now his mum and the authorities questions whether he saw a body at all. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 825615 |  Burton, Miranda Underground: Marsupial outlaws and other rebels of Australia's war in Vietnam | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760631475 | It's 1965, and an old Tattersalls barrel starts rolling marbles to randomly conscript young Australian men to fight in the war in Vietnam. Melbourne housewife Jean McLean is outraged, as are her artist friends Clif and Marlene Pugh, who live in the country with their wombat, Hooper. Determined to wreck the system, Jean forms the Save Our Sons movement's Victorian branch, and she and her supporters take to the streets to protest. Meanwhile, in the small country town of Katunga, Bill Cantwell joins the Australian Army, and in Saigon, young Mai Ho is writing letters to South Vietnamese soldiers from her school desk. And when Hooper's call-up papers arrive, he mysteriously goes underground... Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 113164 | Butler, Charles Lurkers, The | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2006 | 9780746070659 | A disturbing tale of strange and dangerous beings beyond the physical world. When fourteen year old Verity sees a weird, semi-visible figure, her brother tells her it is a harmless Lurker. But Lurkers feed on human imagination and this one is using her brother to become more solid and independent. Verity must fight to save her brother's mind. |
| 30283 | Cabot, Meg Avalon High | MacMillan | 2005 | 9780330438322 | Ellie is not looking forward to a year in a new home or attending a new school, Avalon High, whose students are not as they appear to be. |
| 9331 | Cabot, Meg Nicola and the viscount | Pan Macmillan US | 2002 | 9780330415170 | London, 1810: Miss Nicola Sparks, independent husband-hunting orphan meets the fabulously rich, breathtakingly handsome cad and bounder, Lord Sebastian. She is involved in a kidnapping and a very romantic rescue. |
| 2727 |  Cabot, Meg Princess diaries, The | Pan MacMillan | 2007 | 9780330482059 | Mia Thermopokis is not herself any more. According to her dad, she is now Amelia Mignonette Grimaldi Thermopolis Renaldo, Princess of Genovia. Mia so does not want to take princess lessons from grandmere or move to Genovia or, worse still, have anyone find out about this princess thing. Life gets a whole lot more yucky when mum starts dating one of Mia's teachers and everyone else has a date except Mia. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3497 |  Cabot, Meg Princess diaries: take two, The | MacMillan | 2000 | 9780330482066 | Nothing is simple for the new princess of Genovia. With her mother dating her Algebra teacher, a secret admirer sending her emails and a bad case of the hots for her friend Lilly's brother, Michael, life as Princess Amelia Mignonette Grimaldi Thermopolis Renaldo can be just as bad as Mia Thermopolis's. Mia might have to sacrifice Michael for someone more appropriate like Prince William, not the biggest sacrifice. |



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| 3036 | Caddy, Meg Waer | Text Publishing Co | 2016 | 9781922182210 | When Lowell Sencha finds the strange girl lying, as if dead. on the riverbank, he is startled to find that she is like them, waer. Human but able to assume the form of a wolf. The Sencha family's small community has kept itself sequestered and unnoticed, and free from persecution. The arrival of a fellow traveller, and a hunted one at that, threatens their very survival. When the soldiers of the blood-purist Daeman Leldh descend on the village, searching for her, Lowell and the mysterious stranger are among the few to escape. |
| 9209 | Calcutt, David Dracula | Oxford University Press | 1999 | 9780198314561 | A stage adaptation of Bram Stoker's famous novel. |
| 579251 | Camden, Steven Everything all at once: School, heaven, hell, waiting for the bell | Pan MacMillan | 2018 | 9781509880034 | A week of high school gossip, dread, embarrassment, loneliness, connections and even love are all collected in this book of short narrative poems. Confessions and conversations cover a large range of events and feelings found in any high school, but the common ground is that everyone is feeling the same things all at once. Unfortunately, no one seems to know it. |
| 6514 | Camden, Steven It's about love | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2015 | 9780007511242 | He's Luke. She's Leia. Just like in Star Wars. Just like they're made for each other. Only this isn't a film, this is real life. This is where monsters from the past come back to take revenge. This is where you are sometimes the monster. And, where, the things we build to protect us can end up doing the most harm. Mature read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5671 | Camden, Steven Nobody real | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2018 | 9780008168384 | Marcie is a real human girl. Almost 18, she has had her fair share of problems and bad decisions. When her imaginary friend Thor reappears after 8 years, Marcie has to work out whether she still needs Thor to guide her now that she is approaching adulthood. And Thor needs to figure out who he is without Marcie to keep him in existence. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 & above. |
| 11376 | Camden, Steven Tape | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2014 | 9780007523511 | In 1993, Ryan records a diary on an old tape. He talks about his mother's death, about his dreams, about his love for a girl at school who doesn't even know he exists. In 2013, Ameliiah moves in with her grandmother after her parents die. There, she finds a tape in the spare room, with a boy's voice on it - a voice she can't quite hear, but which seems to be speaking to her. |

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| 5819 | ○Cameron, Sophie Out of the blue | Pan MacMillan | 2018 | 9781509853168 | When angels start falling from the sky, it seems like the world is ending. But for Jaya the world ended when her mother died, two weeks before the first angel fell. Smashing down to earth at extraordinary speeds, wings bent, faces contorted, not a single angel has survived and, as the world goes angel crazy, Jaya's father uproots the family to Edinburgh, intent on catching one alive. But Jaya can't stand his obsession and, struggling to make sense of her mother's sudden death and her own role on that fateful day, she's determined to stay out of it. Then something extraordinary happens: an angel lands right at Jaya's feet, and it's alive. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 & above. |
| 772330 | Cameron, W Bruce Dog's purpose, A | Pan MacMillan | 2016 | 9781760551452 | This story follows one dog's quest to understand his mission in life when he finds himself reborn as a new puppy after living a short, previous existence. When he is introduced to his new owner, eight year old Ethan, the two are immediately inseparable and Bailey lives an adventurous full life with his boy learning how to be a good dog. However, just when he thinks he has life figured out, he again finds himself reborn as another puppy. Bailey is very confused and wonders - what is his purpose? |
| 846122 | Campbell, Cate and Campbell, Bronte Sister secrets | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760525910 | Follow the highs and lows of Cate and Bronte Campbell's long journey towards Olympic glory. Gain insight into their motivation, mental toughness, and the balance between life and elite-level swimming. |
| 566578 | ○Capetta, Amy Rose Echo after echo | Candlewick Press | 2017 | 9780763691646 | Zara Evans has come to the Aurelia Theater, home to the visionary director Leopold Henneman, to play her dream role in Echo and Ariston, the Greek tragedy that taught her everything she knows about love. When the director asks Zara to promise that she will have no outside commitments, no distractions, it's easy to say yes. But it's hard not to be distracted when there's a death at the theater, and then another, especially when Zara doesn't know if they're accidents, or murder, or a curse that always comes in threes. It's hard not to be distracted when assistant lighting director Eli Vasquez, a girl made of tattoos and abrupt laughs and every form of light, looks at Zara. It's hard not to fall in love. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 4308 | Carless, Victoria Dream walker, The | Hachette Children's Books | 2017 | 9780734417473 | A wonderful work of magical realism from a debut Australian Author. The Dream Walker is the story of Lucy, 16 years old and desperate to escape her life in her small impoverished fishing village. But the year ahead will change not only Lucy but reshape her entire world. Framed by the stunning Northern Queensland setting this magical tale, equally sad and optimistic, with remarkably believable characters is a joy to read and a book that is difficult to forget. Contains mature themes, usually read by student in Years 9,10 or above. |
| 12371 | Carlyon, Patrick Gallipoli story, The | Penguin | 2003 | 9780143001430 | At Gallipoli, in 1915, the courageous ANZACs faced the brave Turks in the First World War. Instead of adventure and glory, they meet the sheer brutality of war. Emotional quotes about separation from family, harrowing experiences and loss of friends. |
| 49135 | Carmichael, Claire Gotta B | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741662986 | In the near future, all communication devices are linked to individual users, no-one can use an electronic item belonging to someone else. The worst possible fate is to lose that link and become a disconnect. If you can't connect with your friends, you might as well cease to exist. |
| 9283 | Carmichael, Claire Virtual realities | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1995 | 9780091834678 | Andy Tremain has a terrifying ability. Using virtual reality, he can create monsters from his unconscious mind and he's obsessed with dinosaurs. |
| 39 | Carmody, Isobelle Billy Thunder and the night gate | Penguin | 2000 | 9781740933971 | Rage is desperate to find the healing magic that will save her mother. Her quest leads her to Valley, a strange, dark place where witches and wizards lurk. |
| 5924 | Carmody, Isobelle Green monkey dreams | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742379470 | Within this series of short stories you will never be sure where reality ends and imagination begins. Paths are travelled by a variety of seekers, a boy searches for his true name, a beast discovers hope and a group of pilgrims is led by a song on a ancient journey. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 174 | Carmody, Isobelle Greylands | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140387490 | A boy writes a story about a symbolic Greylands to explain his mother's mental illness and her eventual death. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 6144 | Carmody, Isobelle Metro winds | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781865084442 | Includes five long stories and a novella. A girl is sent across the world to discover her destiny in the dark tunnels of the Metro. Another seeks a lost sister in a park where winter lasts forever. A young man fulfils a dying wish. A mother works magic to summon a princess for her son. A man seeks an ending to his story. An old man goes in search of his shadow. This is a world of desire and transformation, the real and the not real. |

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| | Carmody, Isobelle Obernewtyn Chronicles series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9253 | Carmody, Isobelle Wildheart | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9781862914056 | A young boy, who can communicate with animals, has a strong link to a wild falcon. |
| 5978 | Carmody, Isobelle & Woolman, Steven (ill) Dreamwalker | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780734403902 | Ken's ambition was to be a comic-book artist using lifelike drawings and real stories. When he wakes from a dream, one of his characters claims to have imagined him. Ken must find who is the dreamer and who was the dream. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 24191 | Caro, Jane Just a girl | University of Queensland Press | 2011 | 9780702238802 | Determined, passionate and privileged, Elizabeth was born into a world where she felt she didn't belong and had to fight to survive. Her mother, Anne Boleyn, was executed by her father, Henry VIII. Elizabeth competed with her two half-siblings for love and the British throne as Queen Elizabeth 1. In the gilded corridors of the royal palace, enemies she couldn't see and those bound to her by blood, plotted to destroy her. |
| 1706 | Caro, Jane Just a queen | University of Queensland Press | 2015 | 9780702253621 | Just a girl to those around her, Elizabeth is now the Queen of England. She has outsmarted her enemies and risen above a lifetime of hurt and family betrayal. Elizabeth is surrounded by men who give her advice and compliments but may be hiding daggers and poison behind their backs. Elizabeth must use her head and ignore her heart to be the queen her people need. But, this may lead her to betray a fellow queen. |
| 8607 | Carr, Roger Vaughan Firestorm | Penguin | 1989 | 9780140341010 | Ben watched in horror as the firestorm approached on Ash Wednesday in 1983. |
| 147 | Carroll, Jane Front runner | Scholastic Australia | 1995 | 9781862912748 | This is a story about families and Robbie, who loves to run. |
| | Carter, Ally Embassy Row series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 1999 | Carter, Ally Not if I save you first | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781742765945 | Maddie thought she and Logan would be friends forever. But when your dad is a Secret Service agent and your best friend is the president's son, sometimes life has other plans. Before she knows it, Maddie is dragged off to the middle of the Alaskan wilderness, where there is no phone, no internet, and not a single word from Logan. Six years later Logan lands on her doorstep, and an assailant is not far behind. Maddie wants to kill Logan, but she has to save him first. |
| | Carter, Ally The Gallagher girls series | | | | Meet the talented, teenage girls at one of the foremost spy schools, posing as an exclusive college for exceptional women. Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the Series lists for individual book titles. |
| 9228 | Carter, Forrest Education of Little Tree, The | Vintage/Ebury (Random House) | 2000 | 9780712672696 | A classic story set in the 1930s about an orphaned boy who goes to live with his Cherokee grandparents in the mountains of Tennessee. His education is not formal but an ancient native wisdom and way of life. |
| 700326 | Cass, Kiera Betrothed, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780008158835 | When King Jameson declares his love for Lady Hollis Brite, Hollis is shocked -- and thrilled. After all, she's grown up at Keresken Castle, vying for the king's attention alongside other daughters of the nobility. Capturing his heart is a dream come true. |
| 60125 | ⦿ Cass, Kiera Elite, The | HarperCollins US | 2013 | 9780007466702 | America is the strong competition for Maxon's heart, to leave her life and live the world of luxury as a One. But the violence of the rebels and her feelings for an ex-boyfriend means nothing is a certainty. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 7711 | ⦿ Cass, Kiera Selection, The | HarperCollins US | 2012 | 9780007466696 | In a world of glittering gowns and jewels, the selection is the chance of a lifetime, for any girl to compete for the heart of Prince Maxon. America is chosen to meet him and all of her plans to wed her secret love start to crumble. Some adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 47372 | Cassidy, Anne Witness | Evans Bros | 2005 | 9780237529246 | Todd is running late for school when he witnesses a ruthless attack and robbery on Mr Wilson, a local shopkeeper. Something is vaguely familiar about the attacker and, when Todd finally recognises him, Todd's life and that of his friends are in danger. |

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| 751117 |  Cast, Kristin Key to fear, The | Head of Zeus | 2020 | 9781838933999 | After a pandemic wiped out most of the human race, The Key took power. Under their rules, touching is forbidden, and books are banned. Break the laws, and face execution. Elodie, a young nurse, has been brought up to believe that The Key govern to keep people safe. Elodie obeys the rules she trusts the system. At least, Elodie used to - Aiden, a constant rebel, knows there is another side to The Key, a truth beneath the surface. Aiden wants to be free but freedom means questioning their motives. Aiden is on his last chance - When Elodie and Aiden's lives collide, the fallout will be devastating. Especially when they realise that rather than playing protector, The Key are playing God. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 2348 | Castagna, Felicity Incredible here and now, The | Giramondo | 2013 | 9781459670839 | Michael turns fifteen and his brother dies. He copes with mourning in his hometown of Western Sydney, a region subject to harsh and suspicious perceptions, and filled with cultural and ethnic diversity. Through a powerful poetic experience, Michael grows by seeing deeply into the values that surround him and he rises above the distress of poverty and families under stress. |
| 4806 | Caswell, Brian Cruisin' | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741663440 | Jules' mother wins a cruise and, on board, he discovers it's full of older passengers. There's little choice of companionship other than Adrian, his dancing-obsessed cousin, the very beautiful Jenna, wheelchair-bound Suzi Q and bully, Barry Barnes. Falling madly in love with the unobtainable Jenna, Jules develops a strong friendship with Suzi as she steers him through his unrequited love, with unexpected results. |
| | Caswell, Brian Deucalion trilogy series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 230 | Caswell, Brian Lisdalia | Penguin | 1995 | 9780702226670 | A companion story to Mike, Lisdalia tells her own story which focuses on her Italian family relationships, racism, bullying and rebellion. |
| 18662 |  Caswell, Brian Loop | University of Queensland Press | 2006 | 9780702235894 | Sophisticated, simply well-written short stories that would appeal to both boys and girls dealing with mature themes including life choices, complex relationships and even time travel. Some strong language in context, may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 244 | Caswell, Brian Maddie | University of Queensland Press | 1995 | 9780702227356 | Like Mike and Lisdalia, this book deals with the issues of adolescence with the added complication of living within two cultures. Maddie is a Vietnamese Australian. |
| 255 | Caswell, Brian Merryll of the stones | University of Queensland Press | 1989 | 9780702222504 | An exciting, modern story with elements from ancient mythology. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2872 | Caswell, Brian Mike | University of Queensland Press | 1993 | 9780702225277 | Mike and his mother have moved from Melbourne to live in Sydney's west. Mike soon wishes they had never left. At school, he becomes the victim of a bully, Shane and meets Riny, a neighbour with a secret success story. |
| 9344 | Caswell, Brian Tee Dee and the collectors or how it all began | University of Queensland Press | 1998 | 9780702229886 | Tee Dee is alone, stranded on a backward planet called Earth but help is at hand. The Zone Commandos may be primitive but they make a great team. Tee Dee could do with some friends. |
| | Caveney, Philip Sebastian Darke series | | | | A swashbuckling, adventure series about an unlikely hero and a cast of crazy characters. Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the Series lists for individual book titles. |
| 113949 | Chambers, Catherine Goal: how football conquered the world | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742031576 | Football can be traced to ancient times. Read how the rules have changed, when football was banned and where football was played. The index will help you find when world cups were held and who played and about FIFA and famous players. |
| 18050 | Chambers, Catherine History of cricket, A | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742030586 | Cricket is a worldwide sport, which is even played on ice. Discover where it began, how the rules were created, who was the man behind the famous Lords ground in England and how Australia was the country to invent one day internationals. |
| 8012 | Chandler, Ben Beast child | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781864719796 | Twins Lenis and Missy Clemens have found their freedom aboard the airship, Hiryu. In their search for the mercenary Karasu, Missy must decide whether the safety of an entire nation is more important than her own sense of right and wrong. The bizarre connection that binds the twins begins to unravel and, when they meet a young boy from the past, the twins must decide to embrace their destiny or be torn forever apart. |
| 57876 | Chandler, Ben Quillblade | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781864719789 | Twins, Lenis and Missy, are slaves aboard the powerful airship, the Hiryu. Relentlessly pursued, they fly over the perilous Wasteland, where corrupted Demons lie in wait. When Lenis dreams of Apsilla, the Blue Dragon of the East, the airship captain decides to help the twins find Apsilla's daughter. The survival of the last Totem may be their only hope, if they find the dragon's egg in time. |

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| 751110 | Charaipotra, Sona and Clayton, Dhonielle Shiny broken pieces | HarperCollins US | 2020 | 9780008392819 | June, Bette and Gigi have given their all to dance at New York's most elite ballet school. Now they are competing one final time for a spot at the prestigious American Ballet Company. With the stakes higher than ever, these girls have everything to lose... and even the nice girls are no longer playing nice. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 751111 | Charaipotra, Sona and Clayton, Dhonielle Tiny pretty things | HarperCollins US | 2020 | 9780062342409 | Gigi, Bette, and June, three top students at an exclusive Manhattan ballet school, have seen their fair share of drama. Free-spirited new girl Gigi just wants to dance but the very act might kill her. Privileged New Yorker Bette's desire to escape the shadow of her ballet-star sister brings out a dangerous edge in her. And perfectionist June needs to land a lead role this year or her controlling mother will put an end to her dancing dreams forever. When every dancer is both friend and foe, the girls will sacrifice, manipulate, and backstab to be the best of the best. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 127069 | Charlton, Ann Dangerous places | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781741750881 | Will Kerwan is kidnapped in London during 1852. He is held hostage on a boat where he is made to work as a servant. He meets Runt and finds a best friend for life. They escape in Australia and make their way to the goldfields. |
| 566595 | Charlton-Trujillo, E. E. Fat Angie | Candlewick Press | 2014 | 9780763680190 | Angie is broken - by her can't-be-bothered mother, by her high-school tormenters, and by being the only one who thinks her varsity-athlete-turned-war-hero sister is still alive. Hiding under a mountain of junk food hasn't kept the pain (or the shouts of "crazy mad cow!") away. Having failed to kill herself - in front of a gym full of kids - she's back at high school just trying to make it through each day. That is, until the arrival of KC Romance, the kind of girl who doesn't exist in Dryfalls, Ohio. A girl who is one hundred and ninety-nine percent wow! A girl who never sees her as Fat Angie, and who knows too well that the package doesn't always match what's inside. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 392 | Chase, Diana Surf's up | Fremantle Press | 1999 | 9781863682503 | Brad teaches disabled Matt how to surf and finds himself in a life-threatening situation. |
| 574235 | Chastain, Emma Year of living awkwardly, The: Chloe Snow's diary | Simon SCHUSTER | 2018 | 9781471160486 | Chloe Snow is back again, this time in year 10. Her life is just as awkward and disorganized as it was last year. Her mother has run off to Mexico to write a novel and her dad is dating her English teacher. On top of all this, Chloe has missed out on both a date with the boy she has a crush on and a major part in the school musical. Through her diary entries we get a glimpse into her mind and how she deals with the challenges of being a teenager. |

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| 90432 | Chatterton, Martin Brain full of holes, The | Little Hare Books | 2008 | 9781921272288 | Theo Brain is the world's youngest super sleuth and he is on the trail of a missing truck driver who has driven into a mountain tunnel and completely disappeared. Theo lives in Switzerland where holes are going missing from the cheese and cows are starting to fly. Strange creatures appear from alternative universes and Theo is forced to intervene to stop a total outbreak of silliness. |
| 682606 | Chatterton, Martin Tell, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760895945 | Rey Tanic is not like other 14 year olds. His dad is a mafia boss. His dad also in jail. When Rey's life explodes, every decision he makes will shape the rest of his life. How far does the apple really fall from the tree? |
| 4585 | ☉Chebatte, Helen Bro | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2016 | 9781760125509 | What happens when you mix teenage boys, a fight club and ethnic rivalries? You get war. Romeo Makhoulf knows the rules. Stick with your own kind. Don't dob on your mates or your enemies. Respect the family. But even unwritten rules are made for breaking. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 14109 | Cheng, Christopher & Knight, Lindsay Australia's greatest inventions & innovations | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742755649 | Imagine a world without wi-fi or clothes lines or lawnmowers or Vegemite or dual-flush toilets or even mousetraps. Weird, huh? These are just a few of the many inventions that have been created by clever Australians to solve some of life's difficult problems. Suitable for Stage 2 and Stage 3. |
| 14780 | Cheng, Christopher (ed) & Rogers, Gregory (ill) 60 classic Australian poems | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741664140 | Australian poets have a wonderful way with words and their poems bring to life the iconic Aussie characters and unforgettable landscapes that are part of our Australian heritage. This is a collection of ballads and poems by some familiar, and not so familiar, poets, accompanied by attractive pen and ink sketches. Includes an index of poets and first lines, as well as interesting notes about the writers. |
| 3854 | ☉Cheng, Jack See you in the cosmos | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2017 | 9780141365602 | Eleven-year-old Alex wants to launch his iPod into space, so that other life forms will know, from his audio recordings, what life on Earth is really like. With a troubled home life and lots of questions about family and the meaning of life, Alex sets out on a remarkable road trip to find the answers he is searching for. From Colorado to New Mexico, Las Vegas to LA, Alex meets a host of new friends who help him answer the big questions. Questions like who is out there, where do I come from, and how can I be brave. Life for Alex will never be the same. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 9237 | Chim, Wai Freedom swimmer | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760113414 | During China's 'Great Leap Forward', Ming survived the famine that killed his parents. He now lives a hard but adequate life, working in the fields. As part of a Communist Party re-education program, a group of city boys arrives, unused to hard labour and village life. Despite his reservations and their differences, Ming befriends a boy called Li and, slowly, they form a bond over evening swims and shared dreams. As the bitterness of life under the Party begins to take its toll, Ming and Li begin to imagine the impossible, freedom. |
| 35609 | Chim, Wai Shaozhen | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760113797 | Shaozhen has no intention of staying in his remote and poor village in Henan and becoming a poor farmer. But when the worst drought in over sixty years threatens the entire village, he realises he must come up with a plan. And better yet, he needs the people of the village to support his plan if it is going to succeed! |
| 15510 | Choldenko, Gennifer Al Capone does my shirts | Bloomsbury | 2004 | 9780747568988 | Moose Flanagan lives with his family on Alcatraz, a high security prison housing the notorious Al Capone, in the 1930s. His friend's plan to make money out of this backfires with serious consequences. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 58907 | Choldenko, Gennifer Al Capone shines my shoes | Bloomsbury | 2009 | 9781408801550 | Matthew (Moose) Flanagan lives on the island of Alcatraz. His father is one of the guards. His older sister, Natalie, is autistic and, in an effort to protect her, Moose now owes prisoner 85, Al Capone, who has managed to secure her a place at a special school. The price Moose might have to pay reveals itself quite spectacularly. |
| 660565 | Chrimes, Penny Tiger heart | Hachette Children's Books | 2020 | 9781510107045 | A Magical story about a brave young chimney sweep and a majestic tiger. A story about a mesmerising ruby and a magical land across an ocean. A story about discovering your destiny and what it means to be free. |
| 5168 | Christian, Claire Beautiful mess | Text Publishing Co | 2017 | 9781925498547 | Since Ava lost Kelly, things haven't been going so well. Even before she gets thrown out of school for shouting at the principal, there's the simmering rage and all the weird destructive choices. The only thing going right for Ava is her job at Magic Kebab. Which is where she meets Gideon. Skinny, shy, anxious Gideon. A mad poet and collector of vinyl records with an aversion to social media. He lives in his head. She lives in her grief. The only people who can help them move on with their lives are each other. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 660635 | Christo, Alexandra Into the crooked place | Bonnier Publishing Australia | 2019 | 9781471408441 | The Crooked place is Creije, a city built on the black market trade of magic, where buskers sell their charms and potions to customers yearning for the true magic that no longer exists because of the murder of Crafters. Tavia is one such busker, and along with Wesley, second only to the Kingpin, they must save their city from a sinister magic that has hit the streets. They team up with two other crooks, Karam and Saxony, and together they must defeat the Kingpin who will plunge their city into chaos and darkness. And perhaps new magic exists after all, perhaps Crafters are closer than they think. |
| 9275 | Christopher, John Prince in waiting, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1983 | 9780003300109 | Luke does not adequately anticipate the future changes to his primitive society. |
| | Christopher, John Tripods series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 29027 | Christopher, Lucy Flyaway | Chicken House | 2010 | 9781905294763 | One cold, winter morning, dad gets sick and goes into hospital. It's there that I meet Harry, with his scruffy hair and firefly eyes. From his window, we watch a wild swan on the frozen lake outside. There's something different about her, almost magical. Perhaps, if we can help her, everything else will begin to make sense. |
| 2342 | Christopher, Lucy Killing woods, The | Chicken House | 2013 | 9781906427726 | Emily's dad is accused of killing a teenage girl in the woods. He has admitted to manslaughter, believing he was in a flashback from his army days. Emily is convinced of his innocence as she tries to untangle the events of that night. Things become even more uncertain when she comes into contact with Damon, the boyfriend of the dead girl. What really had been happening in the woods at night, what dangerous games had they been playing? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 21630 | Chuguna, Jukuna Mona & Lowe, Pat & Street, Mervyn (ill) Girl from the Great Sandy Desert, The | Magabala Books | 2015 | 9781922142054 | Twenty short stories that tell the story of Mana, a young Walmajarri girl growing up in the Great Sandy Desert. The harshness of the landscape, the importance of water, how hunting was carried out, the complexity of family relationships and the obligations of kinship are captured at a time before European settlement dramatically changed the traditional way of life. Includes a Walmajarri pronunciation guide and language glossary. |

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| 5991 | Chupeco, Rin Bone witch, The | Sourcebooks Inc | 2017 | 9781492652786 | When Tea accidentally resurrects her brother from the dead, she learns she is different from the other witches in her family. Her gift for necromancy means that she's a bone witch. She puts all her energy into becoming an asha. But dark forces are encroaching, and in the face of danger, Tea will have to make a difficult choice about how to use her power. |
| 91874 | Clare, Cassandra Clockwork angel | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406328813 | Miss Tessa Gray, tricked into the clutches of the Dark Sisters preparing her for an evil destiny with The Magister, begins a nightmarish adventure as she tries to rescue her weak brother, Nate. Set in a 19th century London world of vampires, warlocks, shadowhunters and terror, where nothing is as it seems. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| | Clare, Cassandra Infernal devices series | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Clare, Cassandra Mortal instruments series | | | | An urban fantasy series set in New York, a city that never sleeps and home to evil spirits, angels, warlocks, faeries and shadowhunters. Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the Series lists for individual book titles. |
| 191 | Clark, Margaret Hold my hand or else | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1993 | 9780091827083 | A story about the relationships between young people and their parents in a seaside community. It's about starting high school, first love and difficult sisters. |
| 8596 | Clark, Margaret Web watchers | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9780091834883 | Set inside a virtual internet world, two friends attempt to save earth's internet from evil. |
| 14842 | Clark, Sherryl Farm kid | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143301301 | An anthology of poems that creates the story of a farm boy and the journey he experiences leading up to the selling of the farm. |
| 13853 | Clark, Sherryl & Christian, Elissa (ill) Sixth Grade style queen (not) | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143303008 | Dawn knows that she is not popular at school and is not a style queen. While she acknowledges that style queens are the popular ones at school, she has nothing in common with them. Dawn is having problems dealing with things at home too and wonders how she'll be able to sort out her problems. |
| 187 | Clarke, Judith Heroic lives of Al Capsella, The | University of Queensland Press | 2000 | 9780702230615 | A witty and dry account of a teenage boy's struggle to get by in his teenage years and his quest for normalcy. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 18654 | Clarke, Judith One whole and perfect day | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9781741148565 | Lily, the sensible one in her family, wants to be like other teenagers, fall in love and not be responsible for everyone. She wants to bring her freakish family together for just one whole and perfect day. |
| 8701 | Clarke, Judith Three summers | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742378275 | Follow the lives of two school friends who choose to follow different paths through life. The story begins in rural Australia in 1959 and moves into the past and the future. Ruth's undeclared love for an elusive and mysterious boy shapes her entire lifetime. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 120063 | Claybourne, Anna & Larkin, Adam (ill) Story of inventions, The | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2007 | 9780746070093 | Find out the real-life stories of the bright sparks behind dozens of ideas and inventions. Includes a glossary of terms and a timeline. |
| 723931 | Clayton, Dhonielle Belles, The | Orion | 2018 | 9781473223974 | Camellia Beauregard is a Belle. In the opulent world of Orleans, Belles are revered, for they control Beauty, and Beauty is a commodity coveted above all else. In Orleans, the people are born gray, they are born damned, and only with the help of a Belle and her talents can they transform and be made beautiful. But it's not enough for Camellia to be just a Belle. She wants to be the favourite, the Belle chosen by the Queen of Orleans to live in the royal palace, to tend to the royal family and their court, to be recognised as the most talented Belle in the land. But once Camellia and her Belle sisters arrive at court, it becomes clear that being the favourite is not everything she always dreamed it would be. Behind the gilded palace walls live dark secrets, and Camellia soon learns that the very essence of her existence is a lie, that her powers are far greater, and could be more dangerous, than she ever imagined. |
| 4201 | Clinton, Cathryn Stone in my hand, A | Candlewick Press | 2010 | 9780763647728 | Eleven year old Malaak is a Palestinian living in Gaza. She endures the hardships of living in an occupied territory, with soldiers and dangers ever present. Her father has disappeared and her mother raises the family, and keeps their Islamic faith. Malaak has a tame dove which helps her to deal with her sadness. Hamid, her brother, has his own, dangerous way to cope with repression and uncertainty. |
| 1463 | Clode, Danielle Prehistoric giants: the megafauna of Australia | Museum Victoria | 2009 | 9780980381320 | Step back to a time when giant goannas and marsupial lions stalked the Australian bush. Imagine herds of two-tonne animals roaming the plains and flocks of flightless ducks, bigger than emus, striding across the shallow, inland sea. This book reveals an Australia when humans shared the land with giants. |

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| 775547 | Clowes, Catherine and Gyan, Rachel (ill) Plantastic! A to Z of Australian plants | CSIRO | 2021 | 9781486313211 | Plantastic! presents 26 of Australia's most unique and incredible native plants. Discover and identify native plants found in your local park, bushland or even your own backyard. With its perfect balance of fun facts, activities, adventurous ideas and gorgeous illustrations Plastic! will prove just how fantastic Australia's native plants really are. |
| 3080 | Cluess, Jessica Shadow bright and burning, A | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9780143784739 | Henrietta can burst into flames. Forced to reveal her power to save a friend, she's shocked when, instead of being executed, she's invited to train as one of Her Majesty's royal sorcerers. Thrust into the glamour of Victorian London, Henrietta is declared the girl who will defeat the Ancients, bloodthirsty demons terrorising humanity. Her fellow trainees are handsome young men, eager to test her power and her heart. One will challenge her. One will fight for her. One will betray her. But Henrietta Howel is not the chosen one. As she plays a dangerous game of deception, she discovers the sorcerers have their own secrets to protect. With battle looming, how much will she risk to save the city - and the one she loves? |
| 338 | Coerr, Eleanor Sadako and the thousand paper cranes | Scholastic Australia | 1999 | 9781876289485 | In the aftermath of the bombing of Hiroshima, Sadako's dying wish is to make one thousand paper cranes in accordance with the Japanese legend that says that the gods will grant the maker's wish to be well again. |
| 17205 | Coggan, Helena Catalyst, The | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2015 | 9781444794670 | For eighteen years, the world has been divided into the magically Gifted and the non-magical Ashkind. Rose Elmsworth's identity is far more dangerous. At fifteen, she has earned herself a place alongside her father in the Department, a brutal law-enforcement organisation, run by the Gifted to control the Ashkind. But, an old enemy is threatening to start a catastrophic war and Rose faces a challenging choice and a test of her loyalties. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3762 | Cohn, Rachel & Levithan, David Twelve days of Dash & Lily, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760293826 | Lily's family life is in turmoil. Her uncertainty regarding her developing relationship with Dash, concerns about her infirm grandfather, her brother's homosexuality and a possible move away from New York all combine, causing Lily to give up on Christmas, usually her favourite time of year. No matter how hard Dash tries their relationship seems to be disintegrating. With a crisis of confidence Lily sees only one course of action left to her. |

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| 32975 | Cole-Adams, Jennet & Gauld, Judy, Hatherley, Brett (des) Decision: Stories of leadership in the services | Dept of Veterans' Affairs AUSTRALIAN War Memorial | 2017 | 9780994477569 | We all make decisions every day that shape the lives we lead. In times of war, decision-making can take on a greater significance. Many Australians over the past century of service have demonstrated leadership with the decisions they have made. |
| 49473 | Colfer, Eoin Airman | Puffin UK | 2008 | 9780141383354 | Conor Broekhart was born to fly. In an age when many dreamed of flying, it became his destiny. When a cruel and cunning betrayal destroys his family, Conor must win the race for flight to save his family and right a terrible wrong. |
| 7076 | Colfer, Eoin Benny & Babe | Penguin | 2005 | 9780143300564 | Benny and Babe are unlikely friends who decide to go into business together, but they need to avoid the bullying of Furty Howlin. Their business of scavenging fishing tackle leads to a very dangerous encounter. |
| 14535 | Colfer, Eoin Supernaturalist, The | Penguin | 2004 | 9780141380414 | Cosmo is a fourteen year old boy of the third millennium living in an institute for parentally challenged boys. There are only three ways out and Cosmo is running out of time. But, rescue by a motley crew of kids presents new dangers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| | Colfer, Eoin WARP series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 10467 | Colfer, Eoin Wish list, The | Viking Children's | 2003 | 9780670040582 | Meg Finn is in a tough spot. In her last act on Earth, she committed a crime and died. With an even tally of good and evil deeds, Meg's spirit is stuck in limbo. For salvation, she must return to Earth and do more good deeds. Satan has other plans. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 21166 | Colfer, Eoin & Donkin, Andrew & Rigano, Giovanni (ill) Illegal | Hachette Children's Books | 2017 | 9781444941982 | Ebo: alone. His sister left months ago. Now his brother has disappeared too, and Ebo knows it can only be to make the hazardous journey to Europe. Ebo's epic journey takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his sister. |
| 7053 | College, Tiwi & Jarrakarlinga, Alalinguwi Tiwi girl | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2007 | 9780994465405 | Mia is an ordinary Tiwi girl living at Purnalli outstation with her family - her little tribe. When she tries to fit in with the wrong kids at school, she ends up suspended. Mia's nanna helps her see how to choose what's best for her future. What will the future bring for Mia? |

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| 85890 | Collins, Paul Mole hunt | Ford Street Publishing | 2011 | 9781921665264 | In a galaxy of cutthroat companies, shadowy clans and hidden agendas, spy agency RIM barely wields enough control to keep order. Maximus Black, a cold-blooded killer, is RIM's star cadet but he has a problem. Someone is after him. One of RIM's best agents, Anneke Longshadow, knows there's a mole in the organisation. And, Maximus has a lot to hide. Includes violence and murder. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 62610 | Collins, Paul (ed) Trust me | Ford Street Publishing | 2008 | 9781876462574 | An assortment of short stories and poems from 50 Australian authors, poets and illustrators. The contents are sorted by genre so, as the mood takes you, dip into adventure, horror, romance, crime, thriller, fantasy, science fiction, humour, historical or poetry. Try something new and discover an author, poet or writing style that you may not have considered before. |
| | Collins, Suzanne Hunger Games series | | | | Fantasy adventure novels. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
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| 91550 | Compestine, Ying Chang Revolution is not a dinner party | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143303855 | Ling lived a comfortable life with her parents until Comrade Li moved into their apartment. Her life changed dramatically at home and at school, and Ling soon feared for the lives of her family and friends. She endured extreme hardship just to survive, as she struggled to understand the Chinese cultural revolution. Her love for Chairman Mao and his teaching was tested to the limit. |
| 5034 | Conaghan, Brian Bombs that brought us together, The | Bloomsbury | 2016 | 9781408878415 | Charlie has always lived in Little Town. It's home: the curfew, the Regime, the thugs, the poverty. He knows the rules. Then he meets Pavel. Scrawny and swears, he is a refugee from Old Country. The wrongest person in the whole place to choose as a friend. But when the bombs come, the rules of Little Town change. Right or wrong: Charlie must choose. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 12652 | Condie, Ally Matched | Penguin | 2010 | 9780141333052 | Cassia believes that Society provides only the best for its citizens. Everything and everyone is regulated, allocated and sharing is not permitted. Cassia is seventeen and excited about attending her Match Banquet, where she will learn the identity of her perfect Match. But, Cassia falls in love with another and is determined to make her own choices. |
| 61774 | Condon, Bill Straight line to my heart, A | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742377308 | School is over forever and Tiff is hoping her work experience will lead to a job. Driving lessons aren't going too well, Reggie is sick and her best friend has some big news. All of this at the same time as a boy is actually wanting to get to know the real Tiff. Some adult concepts. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 435 | Conlon-McKenna, Marita Under the hawthorne tree | O'Brien Press | 2001 | 9780862782061 | Ireland in the 1840s is devastated by famine. Three children are left to fend for themselves when tragedy strikes their family. They must find their great aunts. |
| 5568 | Conolan, Emily Break your chains: The freedom finders | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760294915 | To find freedom, you must leave behind everything you've ever known. It is 1825. You and Ma have survived on the streets of London ever since the soldiers took Da away and you fled Ireland. Now, with Ma gone too, you find yourself facing life-and-death choices at every turn. Can you carry a secret treasure across the ocean and finally be reunited with Da? You'll be asked to betray your friends, survive storms at sea and attacks by bushrangers, and trust thieves. At every turn, the choice is yours. How far will you go for freedom? |
| 5576 | Conolan, Emily Touch the sun: The freedom finders | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760294922 | To find freedom, you must leave behind everything you've ever known. It is 2011. You want nothing more than to be a journalist in Somalia like your aunty. But the truth can be dangerous - and when you and your little sister are left alone, you find yourself facing life-and-death choices at every turn. Can you escape a terrorist organisation and find a safe place to call home? You'll be asked to cross a desert on foot, hide below deck in a leaky boat, and put your life in the hands of people smugglers. At every turn, the choice is yours. How far will you go for freedom? |
| | Constable, Kate Chanters of Tremaris series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 669447 | Constable, Kate January stars, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760525026 | When twelve-year-old Clancy and her fourteen-year-old sister, Tash, kidnap their grandfather from his aged-care home, it's almost by accident. But they soon set out on an intrepid adventure, in search of a better place for Pa to live. Along the way they face many challenges, and Clancy becomes increasingly sure that their journey is being guided. Is the ghost of their grandmother accompanying them on their quest? |
| 654 | Constable, Kate New Guinea moon | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743315033 | For 16 year old Julie these Christmas holidays become life changing. Her parents separated when she was three and she is meeting her father, a pilot in New Guinea, for the first time since then. In addition, spending time away from her mother is something Julie is looking forward to - a time to decide her own path. |
| 4764 | Coolidge, Susan What Katy did | Wordsworth Editions Ltd | 2002 | 9781853261312 | Katy Carr is untidy, tall and gangling, planning for the day when she will be beautiful and beloved. She is also very disobedient resulting in a terrible accident that threatens her daydreams and hopes for the future. Katy courageously overcomes her difficulties. |
| 23199 | Cooper, Michelle Dr Huxley's bequest: History of medicine in thirteen objects, A | FitzOsborne Press | 2018 | 9780648165132 | A mysterious bequest sends Rosy and Jaz on a race against time to identify thirteen strange and wonderful objects - which turn out to tell the story of medicine, from the superstitions of ancient Egypt to the modern-day ethical dilemmas of genetic testing. Can unicorns cure leprosy? What secrets of the brain did Michelangelo conceal in his Sistine Chapel paintings? Did a zombie discover the cure for scurvy? Does homeopathy actually work? Why did an Australian scientist decide to drink dangerous bacteria? Is grapefruit evil? Did the bumps on Ned Kelly's head predict his fate? And how exactly did parachuting cats save a village from the plague? |
| | Cooper, Michelle The Montmaray Journals series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| | Cooper, Susan Dark is rising series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 222 | Cooper, Susan King of shadows | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141307992 | Nat joins a Shakespearean theatre troupe and is transported back in time to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. |
| 660704 | Coote, Maree Azaria: A true history | Walker Books | 2020 | 9780648568407 | What happens when the truth gets lost? Where wild animals and people meet, tragedy can strike. But when a tiny baby is stolen by a dingo, people simply cannot accept such a thing. Prejudice and gossip grip the nation, and the tragedy transforms into a fight for the truth. This is a true Australian story of innocence, ignorance, and the perils of mob thinking. |
| 18579 | Corbet-Singleton, Paul Fire in my soul | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780734408648 | Running is everything to James who considers winning the only option. However, fierce competition from a new student and the threat of bushfires may help James to see there is more to life than wanting to win. |
| 186 | Corcoran, Clodagh & Tyrrell, Margot (ed.) Goodbye and hello | Penguin | 1993 | 9780140360578 | Diverse stories about family ties and personal experiences, written by Australian and Irish authors. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 23552 | Corder, Zizou Lee Raven: boy thief | Penguin | 2008 | 9780141383644 | Lee Raven, boy thief, has stolen something he really didn't mean to. Now he faces a perilous flight through London and the murky sewers below as he tries to escape capture. Lee has stolen the Book of Nebo, a book that has existed for thousands of years and tells every story and legend known to man. |
| | Corder, Zizou Lionboy series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Cornish, D M Monster Blood Tattoo series | | | | Monster Blood Tattoo trilogy is a world of predatory monsters, chemical potions and surgically altered people. Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the Series lists for individual book titles. |

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| 720985 | Cornwell, Bernard Sword of kings | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2019 | 9780008183929 | An oath, the protagonist that pushes Uhtred of Bebbanburg from his Northumbrian home into the battle between two brothers. When King Edward dies he splits his kingdom between his two heirs. In a land fraught with battles between Saxons, Danes, and now two kings, the kingdom cannot be born without bloodshed and death of one heir. |
| 846266 | Costain, Meredith PM's daughter, The | Penguin | 2022 | 9781761046704 | Catalina Parkes Perez is used to living a normal life. But when her mum becomes Prime Minister her whole life changes. Life at The Lodge means having every moment scheduled and every outfit preapproved. But Cat and her mother disagree on practically everything, especially the government's climate policy. Now someone is trying to sabotage the new PM, putting Cat and everything she loves, in danger. Will she, with the help of some new friends, be able to make things right for her family and the country? |
| 4203 | Cotterill, Jo All too much | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781472934079 | Samira wants to do well, her parents want her to do well, her teachers want her to do well, but the pressure is starting to tell. Can her friends rescue her when it all gets too much? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 4205 | Cotterill, Jo Stage Fright | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781472934130 | Alice's parents are having problems and she has the lead in the school play. Can her friends help her to get over her stage fright? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 6106 | Cotton, Rachel Nowhere else but here | NewSouth Publishing | 2018 | 9781785301636 | Life's easier when you stay away from other people. Rose Valentine knows that. But some people are impossible to ignore. Take Theo Lockhart, he's handsome, funny and beyond intriguing. He's a mystery; one that Rose dreams of solving. Then one night the mystery deepens. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 and above. |
| 26 | Coupe, Robert Australian bushrangers | New Holland Australia | 1998 | 9781864362848 | This history of bushranging in Australia gives details about many bushrangers. |
| 43477 | Cowell, Cressida Wizards of once, The | Hachette Children's Books | 2017 | 9781444939576 | Once there was Magic, and the Magic lived in the dark forests. Until the Warriors came. Xar is a Wizard boy who has no Magic, and will do anything to get it. Wish is a Warrior girl, but she owns a banned Magical Object, and she will do anything to conceal it. In this whirlwind adventure, Xar and Wish must forget their differences if they're going to make it to the dungeons at Warrior Fort. Where something that has been sleeping for hundreds of years is stirring... |

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| 750735 | Cowell, Cressida Wizards of once, The: Never and forever | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2020 | 9781444956627 | The No.1 bestselling series from the author of How to Train Your Dragon. Can Xar and Wish unite their worlds in time to save the Wildwoods? Will it be Never... or Forever? The final book in the magical The Wizards of Once series. Xar and Wish have found the ingredients for the Spell-to-get-rid-of-Witches. Now the Kingwitch is calling them to the lake of the lost. But first they must mix the potion in the Cup of Second Chances ... Can they defeat the hungry Tatzelwurm monster and escape with the cup? And will the spell be strong enough to lift the CURSE OF THE WILDWOODS... or will Witches reign FOREVER? |
| 6027 | Cowell, Cressida Wizards of once, The: Twice magic | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781444941425 | This was once the story of a young boy Wizard and a young girl Warrior who had been taught since birth to hate each other like poison. But now, the boy Wizard and girl Warrior have been brought together in the Badwoods and they have witnessed the shocking consequences of the Stone That Takes Away Magic. They will need to cast aside their differences once more - for an Evil Spell has broken free. It's up to Xar and Wish to find the ingredients. But it means entering the Druids Castle unannounced. |
| 5107 | Cowley, Joy Bakehouse, The | Gecko Press | 2015 | 9781776570072 | In New Zealand during World War II, eleven year old Bert desperately wants the war to continue so that he can join up and use guns. An abandoned derelict bakery becomes a prospective bomb shelter for the family and Bert enjoys his role in setting it up. But, when the shelter becomes home to a deserter, Bert soon learns that the secrets and danger of war don't always stay at the front line. |
| 13399 | Cox, Michael My story: Agincourt, Jenkin Lloyd, France 1415 | Scholastic UK | 2003 | 9780439982665 | Jenkin Lloyd is fourteen and about to embark on the adventure of his life when he goes off to war, as an archer, for King Henry V to fight against the 60,000 strong French troupes at Agincourt. Jenkin knows there is not much chance of surviving the day. |
| 14445 | Cox, Michael & Reeve, Philip (ill) Elvis and his pelvis | Scholastic UK | 2001 | 9780439997560 | Not quite the full life story of Elvis Presley, told in chronological order and with humour, including some of his 'lost diary'. |
| 587800 | Craw, Rachael Rift, The | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760650025 | When the Rift opens, death follows. For generations, the Rangers of Black Water Island have protected its sacred creatures from the horrors released by the powerful Rift. Cal West, an apprentice Ranger with rare gifts, fights daily to prove he belongs with the other rangers. Meg Archer, an old friend, returns to Black Water Island after nine years only to discover that the Island is facing a new threat that no one is prepared for. Can Meg and Cal fight their darkest fears to save the Island from disaster? Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 & above. |

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| | Craw, Rachael Spark trilogy series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9317 | Cree, Laura Murray Awesome, Australian art for contemporary kids | Craftsman House | 2003 | 9781877004209 | Describing contemporary artworks and the intentions of the artists. The relevance of these works for today's kids is revealed. |
| 442 | Creech, Sharon Walk two moons | HarperTrophy | 1996 | 9780064405171 | Sal is coping with loss and change and is helped by her unusual friend, Phoebe, and her wise, loving grandparents. |
| 444 | Creech, Sharon Wanderer, The | Pan Macmillan London | 2001 | 9780330392921 | In this story about sailing, Sophie travels from Nova Scotia to England to visit the grandfather that she has never met. |
| 254 | Crew, Gary Memorial | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734405456 | A new perspective on the ANZAC tradition and the implications of war on different generations. |
| 9247 | Crew, Gary Quetta | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780734402400 | An emotionally charged picture book based on the facts surrounding the shipwreck of the Quetta in Torres Strait in 1890. |
| 6529 | Crew, Gary Voicing the dead | Ford Street Publishing | 2015 | 9781925272055 | In 1833, Jack Ireland is Captain's cabin boy, aboard the Charles Eaton as it sails from England to Australia. On its return journey, passing through the Torres Strait, the ship is wrecked, forcing the crew and passengers to abandon ship on two hand-made rafts. The horrifying events that follow are well documented but the passage of time allows a less sinister explanation. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 448 | Crew, Gary Watertower, The | Era Publications | 1997 | 9781863743204 | A mysterious watertower becomes more than a place to cool off for two outback youths. The suspense is powerful. |
| 1161 | Crew, Gary & Boyer, Susy (ill) Finding home | Ford Street Publishing | 2009 | 9781876462871 | A family relocates to Australia after a family tragedy. The parents are focussed on creating a farm and do not value the environment or interdependence of nature. Their young son is lonely and alienated, and misses his home in London. When the parents cut down a tree causing a flock of birds to die, their son makes a huge decision. |
| 17147 | Crew, Gary & Geddes, Jeremy (ill) Mystery of Eilean Mor, The | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734407955 | The keepers of the Eilean Mor lighthouse all disappeared without a trace. Find out what secrets the lighthouse hides in this picture book for older readers. |
| 41664 | Crew, Gary & Hill, Aaron (ill) Corn field | Windy Hollow Books | 2014 | 9781922081377 | Something drew the boys into the corn field that day, boredom, bravado, who knows. That kid who went in years before went in and was never the same again. Enter the corn field at your own risk. |

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| 6024 | Crew, Gary & Hill, Aaron (ill) Damon | Lothian Books | 2011 | 9780734410276 | On holiday with his parents, fifteen year old Damon is bored. He is coerced into visiting an art gallery but nothing looks like anything in Damon's life. His reality is made up of TV and gaming, so Damon returns to the hotel to play his gameboy. Soon, it, too, is dull and repetitive, and Damon falls asleep. In his dreams, the artwork he ignored comes to life and, far off, a tiger roars. |
| 9340 | Crew, Gary & McBride Marc (ill) Old Ridley | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780733613104 | Intriguing fantasy about a solitary teenage boy fascinated by the very old, reputedly mad inventor in the mysterious mansion next door. Based on the myth of Eos and Tithonus who, by a trick of the gods, were granted immortality but not eternal youth. |
| 9254 | Crew, Gary & McBride, Marc (ill) Kraken, The | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780734401823 | Through his determination and imagination, Christopher, who is blind, defeats the Kraken, the beast of doubt, and helps his cynical sister who is unwilling to see how things can be. |
| 76517 | Crew, Gary & Ottley, Matt (ill) Serpent's tale, The | Lothian Books | 2010 | 9780734410283 | At a market, a boy discovers an intriguing amulet and pleads with his mother to buy it. The amulet is shaped like a snake swallowing its own tail. The mother thinks it's ugly but the boy thinks it's beautiful and that it holds a story he wants to write. The vendor will not accept payment and seems happy to be rid of the amulet. The boy finds he cannot write and, when he falls asleep, he has vivid dreams, full of many emotions. |
| 4465 | Crew, Gary & Scheer, Den (ill) In the beech forest | Ford Street Publishing | 2012 | 9781921665578 | Take the journey with an ordinary boy on a path leading him from the safety of his home into a dark forest. His head is full of the fearful images of his computer games, the ones that excite, yet terrify him, battles between heroes and dreadful beasts that may hunt this primal landscape. |
| 2494 | Crew, Gary & Turvey, Naomi (ill) Cuckoo, The | Ford Street Publishing | 2014 | 9781925000184 | Martin is the runt of his family. Without a mother to protect him, his overbearing father and brothers reject him. Martin finds the courage to fight for personal fulfilment. |
| 102559 | Crew, Gary & Warden, Gillian (ill) Cat on the island | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2008 | 9780207200700 | The true story of David and his father who came to Stephens Island, a remote and pristine New Zealand island, in 1894. They built a lighthouse to protect ships, chopping down the trees and demolishing the habitat of the birds. But worse than that, they also brought their pregnant cat and the island's tiny flightless wrens were wiped out in less than two years. |
| 18477 | Crew, Gary & Whatley, Bruce (ill) Lantern, The | Hachette Children's Books | 2005 | 9780733613005 | Aidan's father goes missing at sea. Aidan lights a lantern every night to help his father home. In the light of the lantern, Aidan sees what has happened in the past and this gives him hope for his father. |

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| 16271 | Cripps, Lindsay Mystery of the ruby glasses, The | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734408044 | They can't resist exploring the locked room in Uncle Ruben's house. Looking through a pair of antique opera glasses, Shey is transported to a strange land depicted in one of Ruben's paintings where there are lots of clues to be followed. |
| 2790 | Croggon, Alison & Harnett, Katie (ill) River and the book, The | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781925081725 | In Simbala's village, they have two treasures. There is the River, which is their road and their god, and the Book, which contains their history, their oracle and their soul. Simbala is a Keeper of the Book, the latest in a long line of women who can use it to find answers to the villager's questions. As developers begin to poison the River on which the villagers rely, the Book predicts change. But, this does not come in the form that they expect. |
| 9295 | Crosher, Judith Technology in the time of ancient Egypt | Raintree | 1998 | 9780817248758 | Explores the use of technology in ancient Egypt including technology used in architecture, crafts, hobbies, transportation and ancient inventions. |
| 43484 | ⦿ Crossan, Sarah Moonrise | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408878439 | Joe hasn't seen his brother for ten years and it's for the most brutal of reasons. Ed is on death row. Now Ed's execution date has been set and this might be the last summer they have together. A novel that uses the beauty of lyrical verse to represent the ethical issues surrounding an ugly part of the American justice system but more importantly it is a story about knowing who someone is beyond the public perception of their guilt. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5028 | Crossan, Sarah One | Bloomsbury | 2015 | 9781408863114 | Sixteen year old Grace and Tippi are sisters, best friends and conjoined at the hip. As if life isn't difficult enough, they must leave their sheltered home schooling and go into a world of curious students, constant stares and whispers. But, a heart-wrenching decision lies ahead, one that could tear Grace and Tippi apart and change their lives even more than they ever imagined. |
| 6482 | Crossan, Sarah Weight of water, The | Bloomsbury | 2012 | 9781408823002 | When Kasienka starts her new school in her new country, she is lonely and unhappy; everything is strange and her halting English sets her apart from the other students. Her mother is obsessed with finding Kasienka's father who has deserted them. Eventually, Kasienka discovers something that she excels at and the good life begins again. |
| 18470 | Crowley, Bridget Harriet's ghost | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340881569 | Harriet's best friend at the ballet academy is suffering from an eating disorder. The ghost of a ballerina who died tragically young attempts to contact the girls to save Marianne from death. |

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| 64682 | 🕒 Crowley, Cath Graffiti moon | Pan MacMillan | 2010 | 9780330425780 | Lucy is in love with Shadow, a mysterious graffiti artist. Ed thought he was in love with Lucy, until she broke his nose. Dylan loves Daisy, but throwing eggs at her probably wasn't the best way to show it. An intense and exhilarating twenty-four hours in the lives of four teenagers on the verge of adulthood and of finding out just who they are, and who they want to be. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2847 | 🕒 Crowley, Cath Words in deep blue | Pan MacMillan | 2016 | 9781742612386 | This is a love story. It is the story of Howling Books, where readers write letters to strangers, to lovers, to poets. It is the story of Henry Jones and Rachel Sweetie. They were best friends once, before Rachel moved to the sea. Now, she's back, working at the bookstore, grieving for her brother, Cal. She's looking for the future in the books people love and the words they leave behind. Mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| | Croy, Anita Scientists who changed the world series | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 803477 | 🕒 Culley, Betty Three things I know are true | Harper | 2021 | 9780062908032 | Liv's older brother needs round-the-clock care after accidentally shooting himself. Liv knows Jonah is still inside his broken body, but she might just be the only person to see that. Jonah's injury changed a lot for their family. Everyone had to change bedrooms. Liv and Jonah's mum is suing Jonah's best friend Clay's parents. And Live hasn't spoken to Clay since the accident, even though he just lives across the street. Liv won't give up, though - not on Jonah, and not on Clay. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 12815 | Cunxin, Li Mao's last dancer (young readers' edition) | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780143301646 | Engaging biography of a young, Chinese peasant boy who, at the age of eleven, was taken from his school and family to be trained as a classical dancer in Beijing. |
| 728137 | Curham, Siobhan Clementine and Rudy | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406390230 | A celebration of friendship and following dreams. When Clementine and Rudy meet they forge a friendship that inspires them both. Clementine and Rudy may be from different backgrounds but together they tackle the difficulties each of them face. |

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| 2784 | Currie, Christopher Clancy of the Undertow | Text Publishing Co | 2016 | 9781925240405 | In a dead-end town like Barwen, sixteen year old Clancy feels like a freak. She has a dysfunctional family, a real interest in Nature Club and a big crush on the local hot girl. Then, her dad is involved in a smash that kills two teenagers and the family must deal with the hostile town. Clancy meets someone who might become a friend and Sasha starts to show what may be a romantic interest. This is the summer when Clancy has to figure out just who she is. Adult themes, language. Usually read by years 9, 10 or above. |
| 33127 | Cusack, Kathleen & Hatherley, Brett (des) Comradeship: stories of friendship and recreation in wartime | Dept of Veterans' Affairs AUSTRALIAN War Memorial | 2017 | 9780987615107 | Millions of Australians have been affected by war. Many servicemen and servicewomen have faced extraordinary dangers, while their loved ones waiting at home suffered months, and even years, of uncertainty. Yet, despite the difficulties, a strong sense of shared experience, friendship, and camaraderie often developed. |
| 30 | Cushman, Karen Ballad of Lucy Whipple, The | HarperTrophy | 1998 | 9780064406840 | Reluctantly taken to the diggings in California during the goldrush, Lucy wants to go back home to New England. |
| 74 | Cushman, Karen Catherine, called Birdy | Pan MacMillan | 2001 | 9780330397797 | Set in the Middle Ages, Catherine objects to marrying the rich suitors her father has arranged for her to meet. |
| 258 | Cushman, Karen Midwife's apprentice, The | MacMillan | 2002 | 9780330398312 | In 14th century England, Alyce is taken from a life on the streets to be an apprentice to a village midwife. |
| 7562 | D'Ath, Justin 47 degrees | Penguin Books Australia | 2019 | 9780143789079 | Zeelie wonders if they're in danger. When temperatures soar to 47 degrees one hot summer day, 12-year-old Zeelie hopes the nearby bushfires everyone's talking about aren't heading towards her family's new home. What will they do if the wind changes direction? What about their belongings and their beloved pets? And why hasn't her mum and brother returned from Melbourne? Nothing can prepare Zeelie for what's to come. |
| 16218 | D'Ath, Justin Pool | Ford Street Publishing | 2007 | 9781876462512 | Something odd has happened to the public swimming pool, its claimed to have curative powers. When 16 year old Wolfgang Mulqueen takes a summer job there, he befriends Audrey, a blind girl, who claims she's nocturnal. The discovery of a black butterfly, unknown to science, and an unusual request from Audrey's father change Wolfgang's life forever. Deals with serious issues in a sensitive manner. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 12416 | D'Ath, Justin Shadow master | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9781865087382 | Treachery, betrayal, greed and racism played out in a mythical, fantastical, medieval kingdom. Ora must confront the King's terrible secret, related to the pervasive Quickwater Lake. A lake, black and deadly as night, that demands sacrifice. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 4845 | D'Ath, Justin Three | Ford Street Publishing | 2016 | 9781925272277 | Sixteen year old Sunday Balewo is next in line for the presidency of Zantuga. When his father and mother are killed in an explosion, Sunday finds himself on the run from the unlikeliest of assassins, a baboon with a bomb. |
| 55 | Dahl, Roald Boy: tales of childhood | Puffin UK | 1999 | 9780141303055 | Roald Dahl recounts his life as a child, growing up in England. |
| 846240 | Daley, Tom Coming up for air | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2021 | 9780008217914 | Tom Daley captured the hearts of the nation with his unforgettable medal-winning performance in the London 2012 Olympics. At the 2020 Games in Tokyo, he triumphed to win gold and became the most decorated British diver of all time. In this deeply personal book, Tom explores the experiences that have shaped him and the qualities to which he owes his contentment and success; from the resilience he developed competing at world-class level, to the courage he discovered while reclaiming the narrative around his identity, and the perspective that family life has brought him. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above |
| 16071 | Dando-Collins, Stephen Tank boys | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9780857981301 | As many others had done, Australian 16 year-olds Frankie and Taz lied about their ages to enlist for WWI, one envisaging the adventure of a lifetime, the other to assuage guilt about staying at home when his brothers have died in the war. On the German side, Richard, also 16, finds himself assigned in one of the first German tanks. The three are destined to meet in the same shelled out crater during history's first tank battle. |
| 3855 | Darlison, Aleesah Running from the tiger | Empowering Resources | 2016 | 9780994501066 | Eleven year old Ebony has a secret, one not be shared with anyone. The eldest of three, soon to be four, children, Ebony has a difficult second role after school, looking after her siblings, farm chores such as chopping wood and gathering the cow manure, all at the forceful directive of her father. Every so often the roaring, terrifying tiger that dwells within her father springs to the surface leaving the rest of the family nowhere to hide and Ebony becomes protector of her sisters, becoming the target of his vocal and physical abuse. It is only through a new friendship when Teena arrives at the school, that Ebony sees a way of dealing with the tiger. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2884 | Dasgupta, Shome Sea singer, The | Accent Press | 2016 | 9781910939215 | March was born in April, just as the sun set. She is a singing baby, who never sleeps. The town of Kolkaper is on edge and the Town Council orders scientists to take her away to the Cave Forest, a place to study freaks like her. Acting quickly, March's parents send her to safety in a distant town. But, March's destiny lies in the town of her birth and she must return to save the city from itself. |

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| 570824 | Dashner, James 13th reality, The: Blade of shattered hope | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781742998381 | Tick and his friends are still trying to work out how to defeat Mistress Jane, but when there are 13 realities from which to draw trouble, the battle is 13 times as hard. |
| 569157 | Dashner, James 13th reality, The: Hunt for dark infinity | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781742998190 | Tick, Sophia and Paul have agreed to work with Master George as realitants, protecting the 12 realities from Reginald Chu and his desire for total domination of all the realities. But Mistress Jane, in her warped 13th reality, has other ideas. And when Chu decides he needs either Tick or Jane to fulfill his plans, the unlikely duo find themselves having to work together for the greater good. But what is it about Tick that has everyone, even Master George, determined to stop him? |
| 24577 | Dashner, James 13th reality, The: Journal of curious letters | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781742994789 | Early in the twentieth century, scientists interested in quantum physics made a momentous discovery. Now, 13 year old Tick has received a letter that invites him to solve twelve clues in order to stop reality from splitting at the seams'. Along the way, Tick has to face up to some of his biggest fears and suspend his disbelief. The obvious reward might be saving many lives, but the unexpected rewards include seeing how awesome his dad really is and making some real friends for the first time in his life. |
| 23942 | ⦿ Dashner, James Eye of minds, The | Corgi Books | 2014 | 9780552569736 | The government needs Michael to track down a rogue gamer, but the risk is enormous and the line between game and reality could be blurred forever. Includes some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| | Dashner, James Maze Runner series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 70369 | ⦿ Davidson, Leon Red haze: Australians and New Zealanders in Vietnam | Black Dog Books | 2006 | 9781876372958 | A balanced view of the Vietnam War is presented but it does not tell the whole story, nor does it pretend to. For mature students, the book has evocative and harrowing descriptions of war, the role of the allied soldiers and the tactics of the Vietcong. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 18554 | Davidson, Leon Scarecrow army: the Anzacs at Gallipoli | Black Dog Books | 2005 | 9781876372606 | Part of the ANZAC story. Factual historical recollections are combined with a fiction to reveal the thoughts and feelings of the young soldiers and the horrendous conditions they endured and survived. |

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| 1158 | ⦿ Davis, Tony Big dry, The | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2013 | 9780732297633 | With each year of drought the heat became worse. The lawns and crops withered and died. Buildings began to crumble and collapse, and more people left the city. George and his little brother, Beeper, become worried when their father fails to return from a trip to town for food and fuel. Fear for the safety of their dad quickly becomes a fight for their own survival in the hot and brutal conditions. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 15905 | Davis, Tony & Nagle, Shane (ill) You must be skidding: the biggest losers of the car world | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741661675 | Whether it's a car with two, three or six wheels, with a motor scooter engine or a nuclear reactor, with the most stupid name or the most dodgy design, this book will tell you all you need to know about it. Featuring the lemons of the car world. |
| 22453 | ⦿ Dawkins, Richard & McKean, Dave (ill) Magic of reality, The | Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc | 2011 | 9780593066126 | Throughout history, people all over the world have invented stories to answer profound questions. These fantastical myths are fun but they don't really answer the questions. With its scientific method explanations of space, time, evolution and more, this book presents the real story of the world, and shows that its awe-inspiring beauty and thrilling magic far exceed those of the ancient myths. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9222 | Day, David Tolkien bestiary | Bounty | 2001 | 9780753704592 | An exciting resource for fans seeking the inspirational source of Tolkien's beasts, flora and fauna. |
| 846059 | ⦿ Day, Rosie Instructions for a teenage Armageddon | Hachette Children's Books | 2021 | 9781526364319 | Teenage years can sometimes feel like a battleground. There are so many confronting issues from fears of failure, confidence, self-worth or identity to the inevitable friendship challenges. This survival guide from 32 influential and witty women will include advice you will need to survive the battle. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 4423 | ⦿ De Castell, Sebastian Spellslinger | Hot Key Books | 2017 | 9781471406119 | Raised in a magic family, in a magic community, The son of the most powerful wizard faces an unspeakable challenge. His magic is fading. Can the mysterious stranger in town help him, or is she a spy trying to bring down the entire city. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 & above. |
| 657229 | De Castell, Sebastien Shadowblack | Hot Key Books | 2017 | 9781471406133 | Four months after fleeing his own people, Kellen has discovered he's an even worse outlaw than he is a mage. It doesn't help that his only allies are a swaggering card player and a thieving squirrel cat. Then he meets Seneira, a blindfolded girl who isn't blind. Her secrets pull them into a conspiracy of magic, blackmail and murder. |

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| 42862 | de Cervantes, Miguel & Jenkins, Martin (retell) & Riddell, Chris (ill) Don Quixote | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781406324303 | The mad Don Quixote wanders 16th century Spain looking for chivalrous deeds to do and wrongs to right. Lots of adventures with interesting characters, a barber, monks, shepherds, inn keepers, all of whom involve humour and misunderstandings. |
| 10901 | de Fombelle, Timothee & Ardizzone, S (trans) & Place, F (ill) Toby alone | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406313154 | Toby Lolness may be only one and a half millimetres tall but he is involved in a huge and harrowing fight for his life and the safety of his family. A thrilling tale of state control, betrayal, cruelty, heroism, friendship and survival in a violent, miniature world that is not for the faint-hearted. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 44451 | de Fombelle, Timothee & Ardizzone, S (trans) & Place, F (ill) Toby and the secrets of the tree | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781406310146 | Toby's world is under greater threat than ever before. A giant crater has been dug right into the centre of the Tree, moss and lichen invade the branches, and one tyrant controls it all. Leo Blue, once Toby's best friend, now his worst enemy, is holding Elisha prisoner and mercilessly hunting the Grass People. But returning after several years among the Grass People, Toby will fight back. And this time, he's not alone. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 2402 | de Fombelle, Timothee & Ardizzone, Sarah (trans) Vango: between sky and Earth | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781406354010 | Vango is about to enter the priesthood when he suddenly finds himself trying to avoid arrest and escape an assassin. Vango is no ordinary boy with an ordinary life - he has had all kinds of adventures since he was found washed ashore as a toddler on a tiny island off Sicily. Now on the run across Europe, will Vango discover the secrets of his mysterious past in time to figure out who is trying to have him killed - and why. |
| 2409 | de Fombelle, Timothee Ardizzone, Sarah (trans) Vango: a prince without a kingdom | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781406331509 | Fleeing from the police and more sinister forces on his trail, Vango must race against time to prove his innocence. His journey will take him to the furthest reaches of distant lands, and even into the sky where he will find refuge on board the Graf Zeppelin. But the threat of war is getting closer, and Vango must uncover the secrets of his past before everything is lost. |
| 587856 | De La Pena, Matt Superman: Dawnbreaker | Penguin Books Australia | 2019 | 9780141386867 | Clark Kent has always been faster, stronger, better than everyone around him. But he wasn't raised to show off, and drawing attention to himself could be dangerous. Plus, it's not like he's earned his powers . . . yet. Lately it's difficult to hold back and keep his heroics in the shadows. When Clark follows the sound of a girl crying, he discovers a dark secret lurking in Smallville. Teaming up with his best friend, Lana Lang, he throws himself into the pursuit of the truth. What evil lies below the surface of his small town? And what will it cost Clark to step into the light to become the future Man of Steel? |

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| 104267 | de Vigan, Delphine No and me | Bloomsbury | 2010 | 9780747599838 | Lou Bertignac's father cries in secret in the bathroom and her mother hasn't been out of the house properly for years. But, Lou is about to change her life and that of her parents for good, all because of a school project she decides to do about the homeless. Lou meets No, a teenage girl living on the streets, who has disruptive as well as positive effects on the whole family. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2851 | Deacon, Alexis Geis: A matter of life & death | Nobrow | 2016 | 9781910620038 | The great chief matriarch is dying and has no heir. Drawing her last breath, she gives a final decree that, upon her death, there will be a contest to decide the one truly worthy to rule in her place. The rich, the strong, the wise and the powerful put forward their names in the hope of being chosen. When the night comes, only fifty souls are summoned. Fifty souls bound to the same fate. But, this is no ordinary trial. And, so begins the first task. Graphic novel. |
| 17516 | Deans, Kathryn Shimmer | Pan MacMillan | 2005 | 9780330421744 | Accompanied by a talking possum and a tracker gnome, Colin and Grieve set out on a mad-cap and thrilling adventure to rescue the Shimmer. It is part of the stone of creation and has been stolen by power-mad, completely evil fairies. |
| 21225 | Deary, Terry Silver hand, The | Bloomsbury | 2018 | 9781472961440 | "We can't wait three days. There is a man coming to kill us." A Man with a silver hand. It's 1918 and the Great War is entering its final phase. In Northern France, young Aimee has just found out that her mother is part of a spy network working with the British. After reluctantly befriending Marius, a young German boy who has been left behind by his countrymen, she must try and help him get back behind German lines while they evade a traitor she helped to discover. |
| 18513 | Deckers, Amber Ella mental and the good sense guide | Orchard Books | 2005 | 9781843627272 | Ella is very good at providing advice to her friends. But, when her group begins to fall apart, Ella discovers that perhaps she is not as 'together' as she thought. Contains minor references to smoking and alcohol. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 50 | Dedman, Stephen Bone hunters: on the trail of the dinosaurs | Scholastic Australia | 1998 | 9781862913592 | There is a wealth of dinosaur information in this book, as well as accounts of the palaeontologists who made many of the famous discoveries. |
| 46537 | Deep-Jones, Liz Lucy Zeezou's glamour game | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781864719734 | Not all is froth and bubble in Lucy's celebrity world. Her parents are on the verge of breaking up over some earth-shattering rumours and Lucy must come to terms with their fallibility and her own. Lucy juggles the cat walk, the soccer pitch, the high life and the good life as she learns the value of relationships. |

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| 49022 | Deep-Jones, Liz Lucy Zeezou's goal | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741662771 | Lucy appears to have everything, looks, brains, her parents are an international sports star and owners of a successful fashion label. All they want is for her to be a top fashion model, even more successful than her mother. But Lucy has the soccer gene and all she wants is to be as successful as her father who plays for Milan. |
| 331 | Defoe, Daniel Robinson Crusoe | Penguin | 2002 | 9780140439359 | The classic story of an English sailor marooned on a desert island for nearly thirty years. |
| 570164 | del Toro, Guillermo & Kraus, Daniel Trollhunters | Hot Key Books | 2016 | 9781471405181 | From the brilliantly bent imagination of Guillermo del Toro and Daniel Kraus comes a ripsnorter of an adventure. Jim Sturges is a typical teen, with an embarrassingly overprotective dad, a best mate called 'Tubby' and a huge crush on a girl who doesn't seem to know he exists. Until the day a 45 year old mystery resurfaces to threaten the lives of everyone in his apparently sleepy town. Children are going missing again, and it is up to Jim Jnr to team up with a band of unlikely heroes to battle the monsters of the night. Monsters with very dangerous appetites. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 37948 | DePrince, Michaela & Elaine Hope in a ballet shoe | Faber FABER | 2014 | 9780571314461 | Michaela DePrince grew up in war-torn Sierra Leone, witnessing shocking atrocities. When her father is killed and her mother dies of famine, Michaela is sent to an orphanage. She is adopted by an American couple but life isn't without difficulties. When Michaela begins ballet lessons, she faces racism and prejudice, and has to fight for a place amongst the ballet elite to become an international ballet star. |
| 440 | Desai, Anita Village by the sea, The | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141312712 | This story is set in a fishing village near Bombay, India, and tells of the two oldest children and their struggle to keep the family together. |
| 751161 | Devos, Kelly Day one | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9781867209874 | Jinx and MacKenna are thrown into survival mode as they fight their way across a war-torn country to rescue their little brother Charles. They will question themselves, their ideas and the integrity of everyone around them, before they get to the bottom of the political conspiracy that caused the civil war. Their only hope for survival, and rescuing Charles, might be following Dr. Doomsday's Guide. |
| 8804 | Dhami, Narinder Bend it like Beckham | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2002 | 9780340860946 | A novelisation of the film screen play in which a young Indian girl's talent for soccer is discovered. The issues, of cultural expectations of girls and the problems of living between two cultures, are raised. |

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| 20551 | Dickens, Charles Christmas carol, A | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2007 | 9780141031736 | It is the 24th of December and mean, old Ebenezer Scrooge sits in his freezing office, refusing to acknowledge that it's Christmas. But, that night, the miser has a terrifying visitor, his dead business partner, Marley, who comes to warn that the ghosts from Scrooge's past, present and future are about to arrive. |
| 1346 | Dickens, Charles David Copperfield | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2007 | 9780141031750 | For David Copperfield, orphaned and with a cruel stepfather, the future looks bleak. But, a new start beckons, first with the magnificent Mr Micawber and then with his eccentric aunt, Betsey Trotwood. David encounters a range of people who will change his fortunes in very different ways, and his life forever. |
| 287 | Dickens, Charles Old curiosity shop, The | Penguin | 2001 | 9780140437423 | Written in 1840, this is the classic story of Little Nell and her grandfather who inhabit a shadowy world. |
| 288 | Dickens, Charles Oliver Twist | Penguin | 2002 | 9780140435221 | When orphan, Oliver Twist, asks nasty Mr Bumble for more food, he has to flee the workhouse for the streets of London. There, he meets the Artful Dodger, who leads him to Fagin and his gang of pickpockets. When a thieving mission goes wrong, Oliver narrowly avoids prison and finds himself in the care of kind Mr Brownlow. But Fagin and the brutal Bill Sikes are determined to drag Oliver back. |
| 9550 | Dickinson, Peter Ropemaker, The | Pan MacMillan | 2002 | 9780330397131 | The people of the Valley have been protected for twenty generations by a magic force. The spell is weakening, enemies are waiting. Tilja, her companions and an obstinate horse seek a man who can control the rope of time, the Ropemaker. |
| 121 | Dingo, Sally Ernie Dingo: king of the kids, an Australian story | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9781740517102 | The story of Sally Dingo's husband, Ernie, and his mob written for children. |
| 6003 | DiRisio, Carrie & Gear, Linnea (ill) Brooding YA Hero: Becoming a main character (almost) as awesome as me | Sky Pony Press | 2017 | 9781510726666 | Broody McHottiepants is our brooding YA hero and he has decided to write a book about how to become a main character. He certainly seems to know every trick in the YA novelist's trade. But his evil ex-girlfriend, Blondie DeMeani, has sneakily added her own two cents worth within the pages of his book to keep him honest. This is part guide book, part clever exploration of all the YA tropes. |
| 21 | ⦿ Disher, Garry Apostle bird, The | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9780733605253 | Set in the Western Australian goldfields in the 1930s, Neil describes the sometimes violent life on the diggings. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 146 | ⦿ Disher, Garry From your friend Louis Deane | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780733605277 | Louis has to adapt to moving from the city to a country, coastal town as well as dealing with the Year 8 bullies and the tragic Tilly. His dad's shop hasn't sold a single thing, his mum's lost her job and Louis wants to return to the city. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 9310 | Disher, Garry Maddie Finn | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780733612237 | Maddie and her mother are to be evicted from their home in the grounds of the Delamore's big house. Maddie and Delia Delamore take the dog for a walk. They enter an alley to find a gang of kidnappers waiting, with surprising results. |
| 441 | Disher, Garry Walk twenty, run twenty | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780733614644 | After the death of his parents, Rick goes to live with his cousins in the outback. He finds it very hard to adjust and his cousins have difficulty relating to his grief. A dangerous adventure changes everything. Some strong language in context. |
| 4409 | Divaroren, Demet Living on Hope Street | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760292096 | Living on Hope Street is a glimpse of modern day Australia through the lens of a single street and the families that make their lives along it. Kane will do everything he can to save his mother and his little brother Sam from the violence of his father, even if it means becoming a monster himself. Mrs Aslan will protect the boys no matter what, even though her own family is in pieces. Ada wants a family she can count on, while she faces new questions about herself. Mr Bailey is afraid of the refugees next door, but his worst fear will take another form. And Gugulethu is just trying to make a life away from terror. On this street, everyone comes from different places, but to find peace they will have to discover what unites them. A deeply moving, unflinching portrait of modern Australian suburban life. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 11994 | Do, Anh Happiest refugee, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781742372389 | Anh Do, comedian and television personality, arrived in Australia as a baby in a boat full of desperate family members who suffered the perils of the sea. A mother's sacrifice, a father's heroism and their adventures in a new land are inspiring. Some strong language used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 13887 | Doerr, Anthony All the light we cannot see | HarperCollins Australia | 2015 | 9780007548699 | For Marie-Laure, blind since the age of six, the world is full of mazes. The miniature of a Paris neighbourhood, made by her father to teach her the way home. The microscopic layers within the invaluable diamond that her father guards in the Museum of Natural History. The walled city by the sea, where father and daughter take refuge when the Nazis invade Paris. And a future which draws her ever closer to Werner, a German orphan, destined to labour in the mines until a broken radio fills his life with possibility and brings him to the notice of the Hitler Youth. In this magnificent, deeply moving novel, the stories of Marie-Laure and Werner illuminate the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 168 | Doherty, Berlie Granny was a buffer girl | Puffin Australia | 2004 | 9780141318059 | Jess is intrigued with her grandmother's life as a buffer girl in a cutlery shop in Sheffield. |
| 4065 | Doherty, Berlie Snake-stone, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1997 | 9780006740223 | Although close to his adoptive parents, James has always wondered about his natural mother. Armed with only a small stone and a note scribbled on the back of an envelope as clues to her identity, James sets off to find his past. |
| 23016 | Dolan, Hugh Ned Kelly: The man behind the mask | NewSouth Publishing | 2016 | 9781742234496 | The tale of Ned Kelly told as never before. Readers will enjoy not only the tale of the Kelly Gang and those who sought to imprison them but the faithful recreation of historical landscape on which this most amazing of stories was played out. Beautiful full colour illustrations bring the story to life and the addition of period newspaper clips make this a valuable study for readers of all ages with an interest in bushrangers or Australian history. |
| 1790 | Dolan, Hugh & Gardiner, Mal Gallipoli: The landing | NewSouth Publishing | 2014 | 9781742231570 | In graphic novel format, the truth about the assault on Gallipoli in 1915 is revealed. Rather than being a botched attack, planned by indifferent British generals, the Gallipoli campaign was carefully thought out and included an amphibious attack on the beach by ANZAC officers. |
| 1773 | Dolan, Hugh & Threlfall, Adrian Reg Saunders: An indigenous war hero | NewSouth Publishing | 2015 | 9781742234243 | The little-known story of Reg Saunders, the first indigenous Australian to become an officer in the Army. He survived the World War II battlefields in the Middle East, North Africa, Greece, Crete and New Guinea, and excelled as a military leader. Find out how war transformed a determined young man, born in 1920 from country Victoria, into a war hero. Reg went on to serve with distinction in the Korean War and become a pioneering figure for indigenous rights. He died in 1990. A graphic novel. |
| 15174 | Donkin, Andrew & Goddard, Clive (ill) Dead famous: William Shakespeare and his dramatic acts | Scholastic UK | 2004 | 9780439982696 | Even though he's dead, William is still full of surprises. Get the inside story from his secret diary and the news of the day from the Shakespearean Sun. Be amazed as the curtain is raised on Shakespeare's most dramatic acts. |
| 6378 | Dowswell, Paul Cabinet of curiosities, The | Bloomsbury | 2010 | 9781408800461 | When fourteen year old Lukas de Boodt is orphaned, his uncle takes him as an apprentice in Prague, a refuge for Europe's greatest alchemists and natural philosophers. The uncle is court physician to the reclusive, unstable Emperor, and also curator of his bizarre Cabinet of Curiosities, four halls full of wonders and scientific marvels. When Lucas learns of a sinister plot, his life is in great danger. |

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| 55890 | Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, The | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2008 | 9780141034355 | Out of his smoke-filled rooms in Baker Street stalks a figure who causes criminals to quake in their boots and rush from their dens of iniquity. This collection of twelve mysteries reveals the clever mind of the brilliant consulting detective, Sherlock Holmes, as he works with his sidekick, Dr Watson. |
| 2252 | Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan Hound of the Baskervilles, The | Penguin | 2009 | 9780141192437 | The sudden death of Sir Charles Baskerville is blamed on a fearsome, ghostly hound that has haunted his family for generations. When the famed detective, Sherlock Holmes, is engaged to ensure the safety of the Baskerville heir, Dr Watson is surprised that his friend is dismissive of the matter. Watson is dispatched alone to the wild moors and, in the cold night, a savage and bestial howl can be heard. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 750981 | Drewery, Kerry and Seki, Natsko (ill) Last paper crane, The: A tale from Hiroshima | Hot Key Books | 2021 | 9781471408472 | 1945, Hiroshima: Ichiro is a teenage boy relaxing at home with his friend Hiro. Moments later they witness the blinding flash as the first nuclear bomb of WWII is dropped. Despite their wounds, the two boys set out to find Hiro's five-year-old sister Keiko in the devastated and blasted landscape. When Hiro is no longer able to continue, Ichiro promises Hiro he will take care of Keiko and get her to safety. But in the chaos, Ichiro loses her after setting off to find help. Seventy years later, this broken promise to his dying friend haunts the old man's fading years. Mizuki, his granddaughter, is determined to help him. As the Japanese legend goes, if you have the patience to fold 1,000 paper cranes, you will find your heart's desire; and it turns out her grandfather has only one more origami crane to fold... |
| 569197 | Drews, C G Thousand perfect notes, A: when passion turns to obsession | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781408349908 | Beck, short for Beethoven, is the son of world famous ex-pianist Ida Magdalena Keverich. A stroke has left her without the ability to play, and so she places all her hopes, expectations, and efforts into turning her son into a musical prodigy. To Beck this has meant a life of emotional and physical neglect. He has no fitting clothes and struggles to find food to feed his younger sister. Beck's mother, the maestro, has a violent temper and Beck often comes to school with bruises and other signs of injury. In meeting August, a girl from his school, who is in many ways his exact opposite, Beck learns that life and music do not have to entail the suffering he is used to. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 4393 | Drinkwater, Carol My story: hunger, the diary of Phyllis McCormack, Ireland 1845-1847, The | Scholastic UK | 2001 | 9780439997409 | When the potato blight strikes Ireland, fourteen year old Phyllis McCormack goes into service to help feed her family. |

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| 18414 | Druitt, Tobias Corydon and the island of monsters | Simon SCHUSTER | 2006 | 9780689875380 | The first book in a trilogy retelling the Greek myth of Medusa. Young Corydon is driven out of his village because of his unusual appearance and put on display as a monster, with other classical beasts, in a travelling freak show. |
| 31148 | Dubois, Michael & Hilden, Katri Extreme planet: exploring the most extreme stuff on Earth | Lonely Planet Publications | 2012 | 9781743214107 | A whirlwind tour of the globe, seeking out the highest, deepest, widest, thinnest, coolest, scariest, smelliest things on the planet. It's all here! |
| 40095 | Dubois, Michael, Hilden, Katri & Price, Jane Not-for-parents: Travel book, The | Lonely Planet Publications | 2011 | 9781742204963 | The world is a very large place and this book concentrates on the really interesting bits to create a snapshot of what each country is like. In this book there are the epic events, amazing animals, hideous histories, funky foods and crazy facts that make the world's 200 countries so fascinating. |
| 3326 | Dubosarsky, Ursula Blue cat, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | | It is the 1940s and for Columba and Hilda the war seems a long way away until Ellery appears at their school, unable to speak any English. Curiosity spurs Columba's search for knowledge and understanding counterbalancing Hilda's unquestioning nationalism as the war edges ever closer to Australia's shores. The sudden appearance of the blue cat brings with it an aura of mystery and uncertainty culminating in a dramatic journey to Luna Park. |
| 8425 | Dubosarsky, Ursula First book of Samuel, The | Puffin Australia | 1998 | 9780140369953 | Samuel is missing on his twelfth birthday, and his sister must delve into family history to find out why. |
| 150 | Dubosarsky, Ursula Game of the goose, The | Penguin | 2000 | 9780670894383 | Three children pool their resources to buy a strange looking board game. As they begin the game, each child disappears inside it. |
| 91928 | Dubosarsky, Ursula Golden day, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742374710 | Eleven little school girls are taken on an unexpected field trip to the gardens and they meet a poet. What follows is inexplicable and a shocking scandal. Will they tell what they know. |
| 18692 | ⦿ Dubosarsky, Ursula Red shoe, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9781741142853 | For three sisters growing up in Australia in the 1950s, the news is full of the Petrov affair and spies. Their ordinary lives are juxtaposed with their parents' marriage, their father's attempted suicide and the big events of the adult world. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 17137 | ⦿ Dubosarsky, Ursula Theodora's gift | Penguin | 2005 | 9780670041169 | When Theodora is fourteen, her father has a mysterious vision and leaves his family to live with his first wife. Theodora's grandfather is a Holocaust survivor. Complex themes, past and present tensions tell the story of a family falling apart. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 460 | Dubosarsky, Ursula White guinea pig, The | Penguin | 1993 | 9780140366327 | Geraldine has a guinea pig thrust upon her by a school acquaintance, to be minded during the holidays. The guinea pig disappears and and that's just the beginning of the problems. |



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| 835422 | Durr, Morten and Horneman, Lars (ill) Zenobia | University of Queensland Press | 2018 | 9780702260254 | Zenobia was once a great warrior queen of Syria whose reign reached from Egypt to Turkey. She was courageous. No-one gave her orders. Once she even went to war against the emperor of Rome. When things feel overwhelming for Amina, her mother reminds her to think of Zenobia and be strong. Amina is a Syrian girl caught up in a war that reaches her village. To escape the war she boards a small boat crammed with other refugees. The boat is rickety and the turbulent seas send Amina overboard. In the dark water Amina remembers playing hide and seek with her mother and making dolmas and the journey she had to undertake with her uncle to escape. And she thinks of the brave warrior Zenobia. |
| 264 | Durrell, Gerald My family and other animals | Penguin | 1964 | 9780140013993 | The author's life on the island of Corfu with his family and an assortment of animals. |
| 4164 | Eagar, Lindsay Hour of the bees | Walker Books | 2016 | 9781406368154 | While her friends are enjoying their summer holidays, twelve year old Carol is helping her parents move the grandfather she's never met into a home for people with dementia. At first, Carol avoids prickly Grandpa Serge. But, his crazy stories, about a healing tree, a green-glass lake and the bees that will bring back the rain and end a hundred years drought, begin to fascinate her. As the thin line between magic and reality starts to blur, Carol must decide for herself what is possible and what it means to be true to her roots. |
| 8076 | Earls, Nick After January | University of Queensland Press | 2009 | 9780702237652 | School is over for Alex Delaney and he's waiting for his tertiary offer which is only seventeen days away. The waiting is killing him. He's not expecting much from January, just bodysurfing and TV, but mainly waiting. So, he's not ready for the girl who cuts past him on a wave. January is about to change. |
| | Earls, Nick & Whidborne, Terry (ill) Word hunters series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 628030 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Earp, Michael (ed) Kindred: 12 queer #loveozya stories | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781760651039 | What does it mean to be queer? What does it mean to be human? In this powerful #LoveOzYA collection, twelve of Australia's finest writers from the LGBTQ+ community explore the stories of family, friends, lovers and strangers, and the connections that form us. This inclusive and intersectional #OwnVoices anthology for teen readers features work from writers of diverse genders, sexualities and identities, including writers who identify as First Nations, people of colour or disabled. With short stories by bestsellers, award winners and newcomers to young adult fiction including Jax Jacki Brown, Claire G Coleman, Michael Earp, Alison Evans, Erin Gough, Benjamin Law, Omar Sakr, Christos Tsiolkas, Ellen van Neerven, Marlee Jane Ward, Jen Wilde and Nevo Zisin. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 28813 | Eaton, Anthony Fireshadow | University of Queensland Press | 2013 | 9780702233814 | A German teenager is sent to a prisoner of war camp in the bush near Perth. From a position of pride and resistance he finds a new sense of self. Sixty years later another adolescent is escaping from the tragedy of a dead sibling and finds the ruins of the camp. As he reflects on his guilt he meets a girl and her grandfather on a pilgrimage back to the site of the POW camp. |
| 46876 | Eaton, Anthony Into white silence | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741663259 | During the winter of 1922, the Exploration Vessel, Raven, became trapped in the Antarctic icepack, entombing the twenty-eight men aboard. The book tells their story of living on the ice, their ambition, courage, madness and, ultimately, their hope. It captures the terrible, fascinating beauty of Antarctica, both as it was then and as it is today. |
| 111880 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Eaton, Anthony New kind of dreaming, A | University of Queensland Press | 2012 | 9780702232282 | Jamie Riley is on probation and has arrived in desolate Port Barren. It's a mysterious town with a number of dark secrets, a strange assortment of people and a number of unsolved crimes, Jamie's arrival leads to a number of unexplained events, culminating in a heroic journey through the desert, which brings the truth of these ghastly events to light. Includes adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 973 | Edgar, Elsbeth In the wings | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781922077325 | Ella has been a regular member of the backstage crew for plays, she dreams of acting, but suffers from stage fright. She soon learns that some of her friends have much more serious problems to overcome. |
| 9240 | Edwards, Christine My Australian story: On board the Boussole, the diary of Julianne Fulbert, Laperouse's Voyage of discovery, 1785-1788 | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9781865044354 | Adventures on the high seas for an accidental stowaway with a mysterious and frightening past. But, it is yet to be established if the stowaway is Jules, or Julianne. |

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| 17388 | Eldridge, Jim My story: Spy smuggler, Paul Lelaud France 1942-1944 | Scholastic UK | 2004 | 9780439968843 | Now Paul Lelaud has turned fourteen years old, he can escape from his Nazi sympathising teacher, Monsieur Armignac. He desperately wants to do something to free France of the Germans so his Uncle Maurice takes him into the French Resistance. |
| 1898 | Elks, Wendy Gift horse, The | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781862914704 | The story of a girl and a horse. Callie has always wanted a pony of her own, when she is asked to look after Oscar she is delighted. But Oscar bites and kicks and is difficult to ride. Then, one day Callie meets Sarah who knows all about horses. |
| 660659 | Elliott, Joseph Good hawk, The | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406385854 | Agatha has always been made to feel different because of the condition she was born with. Despite this, she patrols the sea wall with pride, even though there are some in her clan who question her right to be there. Jaimie is selected to be different. The clan choose a life path for him that may make him an outcast. He is a reluctant Angler, full of self doubt and afraid of the sea. When disaster strikes, the pair must embark on a terrifying journey to a land where forgotten magic and dark secrets lurk in every shadow. Everything has been taken from them What will they do to get it back? |
| 660722 | Elliott, Rebecca Pretty funny | Penguin | 2020 | 9780241374627 | Hayley, or Pig to her school mates, is a curvy, funny girl in a world of skinny, pretty girls. She wants to be a stand up comic, her friends want to find the right mascara and hot boyfriends. |
| 782120 | Elliott, Zetta and Denmon, Noa (ill) Place inside of me, A: A poem to heal the heart | Farrar, Straus and Giroux | 2020 | 9780374307417 | There is a place inside of me a space deep down inside of me where all my feelings hide. In this powerful, affirming poem by award-winning author Zetta Elliott, a Black child explores his shifting emotions throughout the year. Summertime is filled with joy-skateboarding and playing basketball-until his community is deeply wounded by a police shooting. As fall turns to winter and then spring, fear grows into anger, then pride and peace. |
| 5828 | Ellis, Deborah Best day of my life, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742379142 | In Jharia, India, Valli spends her days picking up coal and fighting with her cousins. Her family won't let her go to school and there's never enough food. When Valli discovers that her 'aunt' is a stranger who was paid to take her, she leaves Jharia and begins a new life, surviving on the streets of Kolkata. A chance encounter with a doctor may change her life but Valli must decide if she trusts enough to accept help. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |


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| 4738 | Ellis, Deborah Cat at the wall, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781760112448 | On Israeli's West Bank, a cat sneaks into a small Palestinian house that has just been commandeered by two Israeli soldiers. The house seems empty until the cat realises that a little boy is hiding beneath the floorboards. This is no ordinary cat and she wonders what to do. When the boy's teacher comes looking for him, tensions rise quickly and, as Israeli tanks approach, the cat realises she must diffuse the situation. |
| 28739 | Ellis, Deborah Moon at nine | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760111977 | With the overthrow of the Shah in Iran, the very conservative, religious government controls every facet of life. Fifteen year old Farrin must keep quiet about her mother's political activities and lavish lifestyle. When Farrin meets funny, outgoing Sadira and they fall in love, the relationship takes a dangerous turn. It is against the law to be gay, the punishment is death. Some violence, usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 1104 | Ellis, Deborah No safe place | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742374109 | Three teenagers flee their homes for different reasons and are desperate to get to England. They entrust their lives to a people smuggler and quickly learn that he can't be trusted. Follow each of their journeys as they seek asylum. Based on the true experiences of children caught up in the refugee jungle of Calais and striving to find a place for themselves in the world. Includes adult themes and violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 98756 | Ellis, Deborah Off to war: soldier's children speak | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741756791 | The collected voices of children with a parent who is a soldier. Their stories are sad, scared, funny, angry and loving as they speak about how war has shaped their lives, and their feelings and experiences when a parent is away for long periods of time. |
| | Ellis, Deborah Parvana series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 15408 | Ellis, Deborah Three wishes | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781741146325 | A disturbing but insightful collection of views from Israeli and Palestinian children, young adults who are surrounded by war. With honesty, they describe their life, families and feelings about the conflict and violence, and their hopes for the future. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |

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| | Emerson, Kevin Oliver Nocturne series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 18454 | Emmerich, Elsbeth Flying a flag for Hitler | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340902684 | True story of an eleven year old girl growing up in Nazi Germany who despite her youth is aware of the evils of propaganda and is proud of her family's survival skills and resilience. |
| 660383 | England, MK Disasters, The | HarperCollins US | 2019 | 9780062909817 | Just when Nax - a hotshot pilot with dreams of becoming a member of the Ellis Station Academy - thought things couldn't get any worse, the entire galaxy turns against him. After being kicked out of Ellis Academy's training program in under 24hrs, he and three other washouts are framed for a deadly terrorist attack. After escaping (barely) with their lives, Nax and his fellow failures are living life on the run when they uncover a terrible plot with galaxy-wide implications. They may not always get along, but they're the only ones left to step up and fight. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 2240 | Engle, Margarita Silver people: Tale from the Panama Canal, A | University of Queensland Press | 2014 | 9780702253294 | One hundred years ago, the world celebrated the opening of the Panama Canal, connecting the world's two largest oceans. Creating a path of water where a mountain had stood is one of the largest and most difficult engineering projects ever undertaken. But, thousands lost their lives, and those who survived worked under the harshest conditions for only a few silver coins a day. |
| 665700 | Epstein, Sarah Deep water | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760877286 | It's been three months since Henry disappeared and Chloe wants answers as badly as Mason wants her to just back off and leave him alone. The evidence mounts and friendships are tested in this gripping YA thriller set in the Southern Highlands of NSW. |
| 18821 | Eribuch, Wolf Duck, death and the tulip | Gecko Press | 2007 | 9781877467172 | A duck strikes up an unusual and unlikely friendship with Death. |



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| 655994 | Erlbaum, Janice Let me fix that for you | Farrar, Straus and Giroux | 2019 | 9780374308100 | Twelve-year-old Gladys Rand may not have many friends, but at least she has her empire. From her table at the back of the cafeteria, Glad arranges favors for her classmates in exchange for their friendship. She solves every problem, handles every situation, and saves every butt. But the jobs keep getting harder, and when Glad decides the problem that most needs fixing is her parents' relationship, she finds herself in way over her head. She'll have to call in all her favors and use all her skills to help the person who most needs it- herself- in this quirky, touching, and laugh-out-loud novel from Janice Erlbaum. |
| 660552 |  Evans, Alison Euphoria kids | Echo Publishing | 2019 | 9781760685850 | Ever since the witch cursed Babs, she turns invisible sometimes. She has her mum and her dog, but teachers and classmates barely notice her. Then, one day, Iris can see her. And Iris likes what they see. Babs is made of fire. Iris grew from a seed in the ground. They have friends, but not human ones. Not until they meet Babs. The two of them have a lot in common: they speak to dryads and faeries, and they're connected to the magic that's all around them. There's a new boy at school, a boy who's like them and who hasn't yet found his real name. Soon the three of them are hanging out and trying spellwork together. Magic can be dangerous, though. Witches and fae can be cruel. Something is happening in the other realm, and despite being warned to stay away, the three friends have to figure out how to deal with it on their own terms. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 571391 |  Evans, Alison Ida | Echo Publishing | 2017 | 9781760404383 | How do people decide on a path, and find the drive to pursue what they want? Ida struggles more than other young people to work this out. She can shift between parallel universes, allowing her to follow alternative paths. One day Ida sees a shadowy, see-through doppelganger of herself on the train. She starts to wonder if she's actually in control of her ability, and whether there are effects far beyond what she has considered. How can she know, anyway, whether one universe is ultimately better than another? And what if the continual shifting causes her to lose what is most important to her, just as she is discovering what that is, and she can never find her way back? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9281 | Evans, Alwyn (ed.) Life bytes | Fremantle Press | 2002 | 9781863683821 | A compilation of prize-winning stories from the annual "'Tim Winton Young Writers Competition'". |

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| 567938 | Evansley, Alex Love scene, take two | Swoon Reads | 2018 | 9781250135704 | Teddy Sharpe is Hollywood famous. But he's just been dumped by his girlfriend and is stuck in an airport far from home. He accepts an invitation from Bennett Caldwell to stay at her house. Teddy has just auditioned for the movie adaptation of Bennett's book and is hoping to get the lead role. What he didn't expect was the fall in love with Bennet and her family. If only the internet would stay out of their relationship, things might go smoothly for the two of them. |
| 142 | Facey, A B Fortunate life, A | Penguin | 1995 | 9780140320091 | The uplifting, classic story of A B Facey's life growing up at the time of Federation, going to Gallipoli and later, living in rural Western Australia. |
| 43525 | Falkner, Brian Brainjack | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150951 | It would take a very special person to crack the computer systems of the White House. Someone like Sam Wilson, brilliant teenage computer hacker. But, Sam's obsession is about to lead him into a world of espionage and intrigue, of cybercrime and imminent war. |
| 35546 | Falkner, Brian That stubborn seed of hope | University of Queensland Press | 2017 | 9780702259692 | A collection of ten gripping short stories about fear and hope. A boy helps his sister by disguising her birthmark on her first day of school. A seventeen-year-old awakens to find himself trapped in an elderly body. A teenage girl discovers her boyfriend has a life-threatening virus the day after they share their first kiss. A high school student tries to communicate to his hospitalised brother who is in a vegetative state. Brian Falkner serves up bite-sized tales of fear - fear of rejection, fear of dying, fear of disease, fear of the unknown, fear of exclusion, fear of being caught and fear of embarrassment - showing how that stubborn seed of hope hungers our darkest moments. |
| 5539 | Falkner, Brian Tomorrow code, The | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150340 | Three young New Zealanders discover a series of coded transmissions from their own future selves - a set of lottery numbers, circuit diagrams for a transmitter and ominous warnings about a 'Chimera Project'. This project is a scientific experiment gone wrong that produces deadly organisms designed to detect and kill all human life. |
| 23038 | Farrelly, Elizabeth Caro was here | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781922244833 | One match, one chance, she thinks. Make it count. Skipping school to lead a group of friends - and enemies - on an adult-free excursion to an island in Sydney Harbour is Caro's idea of a twelfth birthday outing. Marooned overnight? She can handle that too. But the challenges multiply. They're not alone on the island, and Caro must save her friends from life-threatening danger. |

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| 5781 | Farrer, Vashti Escape to Eaglehawk | Otto Books, www.vashtifarrer.com | 2002 | 9780958016407 | Overseers, superintendents and gaol bullies make the lives of boys transported to Van Diemen's Land in the 1830s miserable, even dangerous. Determined not to be stuck at Point Puer, Sam and Jemmy find plans can so easily go wrong. |
| 316 | Farrer, Vashti My Australian story: Plagues and federation, the diary of Kitty Barnes, The Rocks, Sydney 1900 | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781865042664 | Kitty wrote her diary living in the slums of the Rocks in 1900. She describes the harsh experiences of her surroundings and details of life in early twentieth century Sydney. |
| 405 | Fatchen, Max & Thiele, Colin Tea for three | Moondrake | 1994 | 9781863912433 | A compilation of the two authors' favourite poems are illustrated in this Australian poetry book. |
| 4431 | Favilli, Elena & Cavallo, Francesca Good night stories for rebel girls | Penguin | 2017 | 9780141986005 | Good night stories for rebel girls reinvents fairy tales, inspiring children with the stories of 100 heroic women from Elizabeth I to Serena Williams. |
| 5900 | Federle, Tim Better Nate than ever | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781406361537 | Thirteen year old Nate Foster doesn't enjoy his life. He is nothing like his sporty brother, his strict parents seem to be close to divorce and he's bullied about his weight and sexuality (Nate is currently undecided). With his love of Broadway musicals, Nate grabs a chance to escape when he hears about an audition. As his naive plan disintegrates, Nate stays just one step ahead of disaster while keeping his sense of humour. |
| 50775 | Fennell, Emerald Shiverton Hall | Bloomsbury | 2013 | 9781408827789 | Arthur has been unexpectedly offered a scholarship to attend Shiverton Hall, a school steeped in tales of curses and evil. He has his reasons for wanting a fresh start, but upon arriving at the school, with its hidden labyrinth and scares hiding in the shadows, he would rather return home. |
| 505 | Fensham, Elizabeth Helicopter man | Bloomsbury | 2005 | 9780747575498 | Pete and his dad are running from the secret service. Pete is confused about his life and his dad's behaviour but knows they must hide when they hear a helicopter. A sensitive and empathetic story of mental illness. Adult themes and strong language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 20526 | Fensham, Elizabeth Invisible hero, The | University of Queensland Press | 2011 | 9780702238901 | Philip has spent his whole life feeling invisible. Macca is a good all rounder, a sportsman and scholar who strives to be like his father. When their class is asked to keep diaries about heroes and villains, his class learn they are close to home and come in many disguises. |
| 73486 | Fensham, Elizabeth Miss McAllister's ghost | University of Queensland Press | 2008 | 9780702236464 | When Cassandra and her brothers climb the garden wall hoping to spot the ghost in the old house, they discover an old woman living without electricity in a decaying house. They are drawn into her world long lost, and their developing relationship with Miss McAllister helps them cope with their parents' preoccupation with work, alcohol and their own lives. Some strong language may offend some readers. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 981 | Ferguson Delano, Marfe Genius: a photobiography of Albert Einstein | Myriad Books Limited | 2005 | 9781426302947 | Trace the journey of genius Albert Einstein, from his birth, through his schooling, his research and going to America. Find out about his major scientific discoveries including his theory of relativity, which won him the Nobel Prize. |
| 39649 | Ferris, Fleur Black | Penguin Books Australia | 2016 | 9781925324976 | Ebony Marshall is in her final year of high school. She can't wait to leave quiet, little Dainsfield, where she's known only as Black due to her name. But, there's another reason. Everyone says Black is cursed. Three friends have died in tragic accidents. Now, it's easier to be on her own. When her formal date ends up in intensive care, the gibes and rejection escalate. Black is in danger. She has to fight for her life, find help when uncertain of who to trust, and strike out at the superstition and hysteria. |
| 579449 |  Ferris, Fleur Found | Penguin Random House Australia | 2018 | 9780143784326 | Beth Millar has always lived in Deni. In a small rural town. Her biggest problem is telling her over protective and fiercely private father that she has a boy friend. When her father disappears into thin air, Beth discovers that he's not who she thought he was, in fact nothing is what she thought. Her family's secret past has caught up with them and now someone wants them all dead. Beth has been training for this moment her whole life without even knowing, but will it be enough to keep ahead of her hunters? Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above. |
| 29815 | Ferris, Fleur Risk | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9780857986474 | Taylor and Sierra have been best friends their whole lives. But, Taylor's fed up because Sierra always gets what and who she wants. So, when Sierra asks her friends to cover for her while she meets Jacob, a guy she's chatted to online, Taylor 's refuses to show any interest. But, Sierra doesn't come back for one, two, three days. When Taylor finally tells Sierra's mum that her daughter is missing, Taylor and her friends are thrown into a dark world they never even knew existed. |
| 4459 | Ferris, Fleur Wreck | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9780143784319 | Tamara Bennett is going to be the first journalist to strictly report only good news. Finished with high school, Tamara is ready to say goodbye to her sleepy little town and part-time job at the local paper. But things take an unexpected turn when Tamara arrives home to find her house ransacked and her life in danger. What is the mysterious note her attacker wants - and why is he willing to kill for it? A tragic boating accident five years ago holds the clue that could keep Tamara alive. But how can she find the truth when she can't tell who's lying? |

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| | Fforde, Jasper Thursday Next series | | | | Set in an alternative and offbeat Britain of 1985, and featuring Literary Detective, Thursday Next. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 3481 | Fienberg, Anna Power to burn | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9781865080918 | When Roberto arrives in Italy from Australia, he discovers dark family secrets, la magia, the power that is feared and suppressed, a tragic story of love and icy revenge. He and Angelica must stop the curse spreading beyond their family into the world. |
| 22 | Fienberg, Anna & Gamble, Kim (ill) Ariel, Zed and the secret of life | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9781865082639 | Ariel's writer mother sends misbehaving characters to an island school for Rebellious Characters. This summer, she sends Ariel and Zed. A cast of eccentric characters includes an insomniac Sleeping Beauty. A tale of action and self-discovery. |
| 462 | Fienberg, Anna & James, Ann Wiggy & Boa | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 1994 | 9781863736145 | Boa is really Boadicea and her grandfather is a retired admiral, who has a chequered past involving pirates. |
| 481 | Filipovic, Zlata Zlata's diary | Penguin | 1995 | 9780140374636 | In 1991, just before her eleventh birthday, Zlata began keeping her diary and it becomes a mirror of the war in Sarajevo. |
| 51 | Fine, Anne Book of the banshee, The | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 1993 | 9780140347043 | Will's sister, Estelle, has turned into a teenager and transformed the house into a war zone. |
| 159 | Fine, Anne Goggle-eyes | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2001 | 9780141307541 | Kitty hates her mum's boyfriend, whom she calls Goggle-eyes. Yet, when he leaves, Kitty finds that she misses him. |
| 243 | Fine, Anne Madame Doubtfire | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 1996 | 9780140373554 | An estranged father applies for the job of housekeeper to his children. |
| 5234 | Finn, Mary Anila's journey | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406306590 | Menace and mystery lie in wait for Anila Tandy who secures a job drawing birds for an English naturalist, travelling on a river boat up the Ganges River. Anila will use this journey to search for her father, missing for years and presumed dead. Anila must test herself in the man's world of India, in the late 1700s. |
| 18356 | Fisher, Catherine Oracle, The | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340843765 | In a distant, desert land where servants of the god rule supreme, new Bearer, Mirany, receives visions which reveal the true heir to the kingdom. She must try to stop the corrupt High Priestess from seizing power. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 13872 | Fitzgerald, Sarah Moore Apple tart of hope, The | Orion | 2014 | 9781444011159 | Oscar Dunleavy, who used to make the world's most perfect apple tarts, is missing, presumed dead. No one seems too surprised, except for Meg, his best friend, and his little brother Stevie. Surrounded by grief and confusion, Meg and Stevie are determined to find out what happened to Oscar, and together they learn about loyalty and friendship and the power of never giving up hope. |
| 71599 | FitzSimons, Peter Ballad of Les Darcy, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2007 | 9780732286361 | Les Darcy, who lived from 31 October 1895 - 24 May 1917, was an Australian boxer. Though he was a middleweight, he held both the Australian Heavyweight and the Middleweight Championship titles in 1916 and has passed into Australian folk lore. |
| 127398 | FitzSimons, Peter Kokoda: Teen edition | Hachette Children's Books | 2016 | 9780734417435 | Conditions on the track were hellish - rain was constant, the terrain close to impassable, food and ammunition supplies were practically non-existent and the men constantly battled malaria and dysentery, as well as the enemy. Kokoda was a defining battle for Australia, in which a small force of young, ill-equipped Australians engaged a highly experienced and hitherto unstoppable Japanese force on a narrow, precarious jungle track - and defeated them. |
| 29063 |  FitzSimons, Peter Tobruk | HarperCollins Australia | 2009 | 9780732289546 | The inspiring story of the Australian soldiers who held Tobruk in the Second World War. Even tanks and bombers could not conquer the spirit of these diggers. An illustrated, accurate and human account of the war and the people involved. It gives a face and personality to both the famous and powerful, and the brave foot soldiers. Very strong language used in context. A mature read that is not for the faint-hearted. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 2828 |  FitzSimons, Peter Nancy Wake | HarperCollins Australia | 2002 | 9780732274566 | In the 1930s, Australian Nancy Wake was a young woman enjoying a bohemian life in Paris. After witnessing an horrific scene of Nazi violence, Nancy decided to help rid Europe of the Nazis. What began as a courier job became a highly successful escape network for Allied soldiers, perfectly camouflaged by Nancy's high-society life in Marseille. A compelling story. Coarse language may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| | Flanagan, John Brotherband series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 46779 | Flannery, Tim We are the weather makers | Penguin Books Australia | 2006 | 9781921145346 | The Weather Makers has had a huge impact on our consciousness about climate change. It has changed minds and hearts. This book speaks to the school children who will inherit the new climate which their parents and grandparents have helped to create. Provides scientific examinations and some conclusions about climate change. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 663555 | Fleck, Jessika Defy the sun | Swoon Reads | 2020 | 9781250154774 | Civil war has come to the island of Bellona. Veda has joined the underground revolutionaries and they are determined to overthrow the ruling Imperi and find justice for their people. Nico is one of those ruling Imperi and has just been named heir to the most powerful man aboveground. Nico and Veda are childhood friends and possibly more but their people are at war with each other. Veda becomes a hostage. The whole island will burn unless Nico and Veda can come together and rip everything apart. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 12951 | Fleming, Fergus & Tomlins, Karen (des) & Dowsell, Paul (ed) Medieval Messenger, The | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 1996 | 9780746027493 | Mystery plague rocks Europe' and 'Beckett kicks bucket' are feature articles in this wonderful newspaper crammed full of historically accurate references. Homestores catalogue, spot the difference competitions and a personal column also included. |
| 12954 | Fleming, Fergus & Tomlins, Karen (des.) & Dowsell, Paul (ed.) Greek gazette | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 1997 | 9780746027554 | Very funny and historically accurate look at life in ancient Greece, set out in a newspaper layout. |
| 12952 | Fleming, Fergus & Tomlins, Karen (des.) & Dowsell, Paul (ed.) Roman record, The | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 1997 | 9780746027530 | An historical consultant has helped provide accuracy in this wonderfully funny account of Roman times in newspaper layout. |
| 12955 | Fleming, Fergus & Tomlins, Karen (des.) & Dowsell, Paul (ed.) Stone age sentinel | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 1998 | 9780746029596 | Very funny newspaper full of articles about the stone age. Humour and historical accuracy combined. |
| 12953 | Fleming, Fergus & Tomlins, Karen (des.) & Dowsell, Paul (ed.) Viking invader, The | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 1997 | 9780746029572 | Wonderful headline stories, amusing advertisements in a crazy newspaper format. Historical accuracy blended with zany humour and colourful illustrations and layout. |
| | Fletcher, Charlie Stoneheart series | | | | This trilogy for capable readers has an urban setting with suspenseful chase scenes, scary creatures and a highly original premise. Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the Series lists for individual book titles. |

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| 66698 | Flynn, Pat Best ballgirl, The | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305743 | When Kristen discovers that her tennis hero, Maggie Stephenson, is playing in a tournament at her tennis club, she is desperate to be chosen as one of the ballgirls. But, her arch rival, Sally, looks set to sabotage Kristen's chances of appearing on centre court and to steal the guy that she likes a lot. |
| 602864 | ⦿ Foody, Amanda Ace of Shades | Harlequin | 2018 | 9781489256560 | Enne Salta is a naive young lady with strengths yet to be revealed. Lost and alone in a new city which is rife with criminal gangs and corruption, Enne is in a desperate search for her lost mother. Along the way she finds out incredible truths about her mother and her family background, whilst discovering untold strengths. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 660385 | ⦿ Foody, Amanda Daughter of the burning city | Harlequin | 2017 | 9781489242068 | Sorina is 16 and lives in the travelling city of Gomorrah - famous for it's talent shows, jynx-workers and criminality. She's the daughter of the 'Proprietor' and therefore due to inherit control over the city. This inheritance takes a deadly turn when members of her 'illusion' family start dying. Will Sorina find the killer before more of her illusions are taken from her and what will she do when she discovers the truth of how close to her the killer is? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 19020 | ⦿ Forming circles Written portraits | Green Olive Press | 2013 | 9780987599810 | Written Portraits is a national writing competition that showcases young Australian writing, providing young writers with the opportunity to express inner feelings and emotions associated with being a teenager. The theme of this anthology is portrait at home. The short stories in this powerful anthology are all written by teenagers who are from a range of backgrounds. Each story expresses the sense of belonging or displacement to home, place or others. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 35659 | ⦿ Fornasier, Kylie Things I didn't say, The | Penguin Books Australia | 2016 | 9780143573630 | After losing her best friend, Piper Rhodes changes schools, determined that she and her final year will be different. Then, she meets West, the school captain and star soccer player. Despite Piper's fear of losing everything again, they fall in love, without Piper ever speaking one word to him. She suffers from anxiety, specifically Selective Mutism, an inability to speak to anyone outside her immediate family. A terrible accident forces Piper to confront some big decisions. A mature read, usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 8957 | Forrestal, Elaine Black Jack Anderson | Penguin | 2008 | 9780143005940 | The infamous Black Jack Anderson, Australia's most notorious pirate, was a towering black American holed up with his evil-doing gang in the treacherous seas and islands off the south west coast of Australia. The fascinating details of his life and times; his mistresses, the treachery, bloodshed and escapes are as compelling as his personality, with his resourcefulness, power and passion. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 165 | Forrestal, Elaine Graffiti on the fence | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141305196 | Three friends seem to be on the verge of juvenile delinquency, terrorising an old woman who then comes to their aid when one of them is threatened. |
| 369 | Forrestal, Elaine Someone like me | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140380927 | Tas is an ordinary school boy, but Enya, new from Northern Ireland, has experienced danger and terror. The plot reveals an extraordinary fact about Tas in the final paragraph. |
| 4942 | Forrestal, Elaine To see the world | National Library of Australia | 2014 | 9780642278494 | All his life, Jose has seen the tall ships sailing into Port Louis on the island of Mauritius, where he was born. As he watches them leave again, disappearing below the horizon, he dreams of one day sailing away with them - to see the world. He thinks about all the adventures he would have, the ships he would capture and the buried treasure he would find on faraway islands. But, when the Uranie arrives in 1817, Jose's life changes in ways that he had never imagined. Pirates, cannibals, storms and shipwrecks become harsh realities and Jose is forced to muster all his courage and intelligence to survive the dangers of shipboard life. |
| 4879 | Forrestal, Elaine Winning | Penguin | 2002 | 9780141313788 | The most important thing in the boys' lives was running. Every day they raced each other. But when Yosef, the quiet Egyptian boy, starts to beat the champion, their lives begin to change and besides, the school gardener is acting very suspiciously. |
| 431 | Forrester, Helen Twopence to cross the Mersey | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1989 | 9780006361688 | A young girl tells the story of her family during the Great Depression in Northern England. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 24918 | Forsyth, Kate Vasilisa the wise and other tales of brave young women | Serenity Press | 2018 | 9780648103066 | Meet the brave young women from tales of yore...Vasilisa who must try to outwit the fearsome witch Baba-Yaga. Katie Crackernuts who sets out to save her sister from dark magic. Flora, the gardener's daughter, who marries a giant serpent to save a prince. Fairer-Than-A-Fairy, a princess who is kidnapped by an evil one-eyed enchantress. Lullala, in love with a prince cursed to be a lion by day and a man by night. Rosemary, a Scottish lass whose baby is stolen by the wicked faery folk of the Sidhe. Ursula, a princess replaced by a walking, talking automaton. These are not your usual passive princess, waiting forlornly for their prince to come. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 1295 | Forsyth, Kate Wildkin's curse, The | Pan MacMillan | 2010 | 9780330426053 | Merry, Zed and Liliana are on a perilous quest to the Palace of Zarissa. Amid the splendour and treachery of court, they watch and wait, planning the rescue of Princess Rosalina, held captive in the dazzling Tower of Stars. The excesses of the banquet table platters are described in sickening and disturbing detail. |
| 614652 | Forsyth, Kate & Carrington, Lorena (ill) Buried moon, The: And other tales of bright young women | SelfMadeHero | 2019 | 9780648400004 | All of the seven tales in this collection have one thing in common. They are stories of young women who face darkness and danger, but who prevail against the odds because of the brightness of their spirit and the strength of their resolve. The Moon is saved from the bog by the courage of those who love her bright light... Fenella stays silent for seven years and weaves cloth from nettles to save her brothers... Nastia must learn to survive alone in the land of the midnight sun... Jiayang, daughter of the Emperor of China, devises an impossible quest for her unwanted suitors... Jennet holds fast to her beloved, despite the cruel enchantments the Faery Queen casts upon him... Sofiya outwits the Tsar and so wins his love and respect... Molly Whuppie outwits a giant and saves her sisters... These stories of bright young women will remind readers of their own inner radiance, which gives them power to illuminate the whole world. |
| 812784 | Fowler, Aisling Fireborn: Twelve and the frozen forest | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9780008394158 | Twelve has lost so much. So she has spoken the pledge and now she is a Huntling. She has even given up her name to train in the art of fighting monsters and keeping the peace. She will not get to choose a new name until she has earned it. During training she finds it hard to make friends and feels like an outsider. But by following her instincts to do what she thinks is right when the one person who showed her kindness is taken by Goblins, she may lose everything. |

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| | Fox, Helen Eager series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 290 | Fox, Paula One-eyed cat | Aladdin Publishing | 2000 | 9780689839702 | Ned fired just one shot from the forbidden gun. But someone was watching. When a one-eyed cat turns up in an elderly neighbour's yard, Ned is caught in a web of guilt, fear, and shame when he fears his shot wounded the one-eyed cat. |
| 833197 | Foxlee, Karen Dragon skin | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526108 | How to save a dragon: 1) Assemble equipment. Water, Weet-Bix, sugar, syringe, sticky tape, scissors. 2) Believe in everything. Pip never wants to go home. She likes to sit at the waterhole at dusk and remember Mika, her best friend. At home her mother's not the same since her boyfriend moved in. They don't laugh anymore and Pip has to go to bed early, turn off her light and pretend she doesn't exist. When she finds a half-dead creature at the waterhole, everything changes. She knows she has to save this small dragon and return it to where it comes from. But how? |
| 23206 | Fraillon, Zana Bone sparrow, The | Lothian Books | 2016 | 9780734417138 | Ten year old Subhi is a Rohingya asylum seeker, born in an Australian permanent detention centre, Life behind the fences is all he has ever known and Subhi needs the stories of others to build memories. One night, Jimmie appears from the other side of the wires, bringing a bone sparrow necklace and a notebook, written by her dead mother. As their tales unfold, Subhi and Jimmie might find a way to freedom but not until each of them has been braver than ever before. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 104 | Frank, Anne Diary of Anne Frank, The | Penguin | 2002 | 9780141315188 | During the persecution of the Jewish people in the Netherlands in World War II, Anne wrote in her diary of how her family hid for two years in a few rooms. |
| 50708 | Freeman, Pamela Black dress: Mary MacKillop's early years, The | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742031637 | The story of Mother Mary MacKillop told from the perspective of MacKillop reminiscing on her death bed. The book details her life, from growing up in poverty in the Australian outback and the inspirations behind her decision to join the Convent and establish the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. |

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| 9330 | French, Fiona Snow White in New York | Oxford University Press | 1989 | 9780192722102 | An innovative retelling of a fairy tale set in the jazz and gangster era of New York in the 1920s. Snow White lives in New York, known as the Big Apple. The wicked stepmother, a classy socialite, looks for herself in the Mirror newspaper. |
| 751164 | French, Jackie Angel of Waterloo, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9781460757918 | The soldiers she saved called her the Angel of Waterloo. The husband she loved and lost called her Hen. The patients she treated in secret called her Auntie Love. She was Henrietta Bartlett, a surgeon's daughter, a survivor of the Napoleonic Wars. But now the battlefield is just a blood-soaked memory, and Hen dreams of peace, a home, and a society that allows women to practise medicine. On the other side of the world, the newly founded colony of New South Wales seems a paradise. But Europe's wars cast long shadows .. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 7069 | French, Jackie Camel who crossed Australia, The | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2008 | 9780732285432 | Bell Sing the camel has come from Pakistan to accompany Burke and Wills as they attempt to cross Australia from south to north, but Bell Sing yearns for water and freedom on a tough journey. |
| 4880 | French, Jackie Diary of William Shakespeare gentleman | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2016 | 9781460750575 | The world knows the name William Shakespeare, but what of the man behind the name- the husband, lover, son and poet? Was he happy with his riches? Who was the woman he truly loved? And could the acclaimed playwright put down his pen forever to become a gentleman? Written by Australian Children's Laureate Jackie French and based on new documentary evidence, this story is a fascinating glimpse into a life that might have been and a story that has never been told. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 1656 | French, Jackie Fascinating history of your lunch, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2001 | 9780207197505 | An entertaining book about food origins, which covers the development of sandwiches and other familiar lunchbox items including soft drinks and chocolate. |

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| 825621 | French, Jackie Hearts of gold | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2021 | 9781460757925 | Three women from very different backgrounds meet on the long sea voyage from their homeland of England to Sydney. They quickly bond in an unlikely friendship. Indulged and wealthy, Kat Fitzhubert, has been sold in an arranged marriage to someone in the new colony. Lady Viola Montefiore is a dark skinned lady that her family has kept hidden and then shipped to the new colony. Titiana Boot is as broad as a carthorse and as useful. Jackie French defies the myth of colonial women in the 1850s as merely wives, servants, or petty thieves. Instead she portrays them as businesswomen, farmers, bushrangers and illegal brewers. All of this happens as the convict colony reinvents itself into a land of gold rushes and illusive riches. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 20077 | French, Jackie I am Juliet | HarperCollins Australia | 2014 | 9780732297985 | This is the well-known story of Juliet Capulet and her love for Romeo, and the increasing helplessness Juliet feels as she realises that unlike young men her age, her life will effectively be determined and controlled by others, who see her having an arranged marriage of alliance and becoming a breeder of sons. I am Juliet closely follows the well-known and loved plot of the play, and also Rob, the 13-year-old boy who is the first to play the role of Juliet on the Elizabethan stage. He is overwhelmed by 'all those words' that Shakespeare wrote. But Rob realises that the story of love and tragedy is a somewhat simple one and the words are there for their extraordinary beauty and meaning. He will be Juliet and let the power of the words sing. |
| 587817 | French, Jackie Just a girl | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9781460753095 | Set in Judea in 71 AD, this is the story of 14 year old Judith who lives a simple life in her rural village. But one night the Roman army invades, stealing food, killing and enslaving the villagers and destroying her home. Saved by the foresight of her great grandmother, Rabba, the pair escape along with her younger sister and a stubborn goat. They hide in a cave and Judith must use all her skills to provide for her remaining family during the long, icy winter to come. Rabba has much wisdom and many stories to share, but the one Judith and her surprise guest, Caius, want to learn more about is the story of Maryiam, Rabba's extraordinary friend and mother of Jesus. Like Judith, Maryiam of Nazareth was never 'just a girl'. |
| 18704 | French, Jackie Macbeth and son | HarperCollins Australia | 2006 | 9780207200342 | Luke lives in Australia with his mother and stepfather, Sam. Lulach lives in 9th century Scotland with his mother and stepfather, Macbeth. Knowing Macbeth to be a peaceful king, Luke wonders why Shakespeare made him a villain. |

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| | French, Jackie Matilda saga series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 6881 | French, Jackie Nanberry: black brother white | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2011 | 9780732290221 | In 1789, the new colony in Sydney is established. Nanberry is an Aboriginal boy who is raised by Surgeon John White and witnesses the struggles of the colonists to survive in the wilderness. Follow Nanberry and his white brother as they make their way in the world, as well as the young convict woman who becomes a lady in her own right. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 37083 | French, Jackie Ophelia: Queen of Denmark | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2015 | 9780732298524 | Ophelia, daughter of Denmark's Lord Chancellor and loved by Prince Hamlet, is the girl who will be queen. While Hamlet's family stab, poison or haunt one another, feisty, intelligent and ambitious Ophelia plans a sensible rule, filled with justice and the making of delicious cheeses. Even if she has to pretend to be mad to make it happen, Ophelia will not let anything, not even howling ghosts, stand in her way. |
| 6987 | French, Jackie Pharaoh: the boy who conquered the Nile | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2007 | 9780207200823 | Prince Narmer is fourteen, clever and handsome and, as his father's favourite, destined to be King of Thinis one day. But, when he is involved in a terrible accident that leaves him lame and horribly scarred, Narmer decides to leave his home to travel with the Trader, whose healing skills saved his life. |
| 322 | French, Jackie Rain stones | HarperCollins Australia | 1992 | 9780207171246 | A collection of five inspiring and thought-provoking stories. Two stories have a fantasy theme and the others have a more conventional approach. |
| 1671 | French, Jackie Refuge | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2013 | 9780732296179 | When a boat carrying a group of asylum seekers is sunk by a freak wave, Faris wakes from the shipwreck in an Australia he's always dreamed of. There are kangaroos grazing under orange trees and the sky is always blue. On a nearby beach, Faris meets a group of young people who have come from far different times and places. |
| 3656 | French, Jackie Ride the wild wind: the golden pony and other stories | HarperCollins Australia | 2002 | 9780207198304 | Stories about horses with some told by the horse. The collection includes the story of the first horse tamed by a young girl, King Arthur's horse and the special relationship between a boy and stallion. |

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| 45397 | French, Jackie Rose for the ANZAC boys, A | HarperCollins Australia | 2008 | 9780732285401 | War is being fought on an horrific scale in the trenches of France. It is a world away from sixteen year old Midge Macpherson, at school in England learning to be a young lady. Desperate to do their bit and avoid the boredom of school, Midge and her friends start a canteen in France, caring for the endless flow of wounded soldiers returning from the front. Midge is thrust into carnage and scenes of courage she could never have imagined. |
| 700331 | French, Jackie Schoolmaster's daughter, The | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2020 | 9781460757710 | When Hannah and her family are shipwrecked they are rescued by a Pacific Islander boy named Jamie. Hannah's family then begin a new life in Port Harris, which at first seems a paradise for the schoolmaster's daughter. But local fortunes are built on slavery and the whip. As the new Federal Parliament passes the law that will force Pacific Islanders from their homes, Hannah and her mother risk everything to run a secret school, while Hannah and Jamie must fight for their rights to education and equality. Can friendship and love win against prejudice and power? |
| 367 | French, Jackie Soldier on the hill | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1997 | 9780207196379 | A story about life in country Australia in World War II. Joey finds a Japanese soldier but no-one believes him. |
| | French, Jackie The Hitler trilogy series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 15203 | French, Jackie They came on Viking ships | HarperCollins Australia | 2005 | 9780207200113 | Hekja's simple but happy life changes dramatically when her village is raided by Vikings and she is captured. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 15162 | French, Jackie Tom Appleby, convict boy | HarperCollins Australia | 2004 | 9780207199424 | Chimney sweep, Tom Appleby, eight, is convicted of stealing and deported to Botany Bay on The First Fleet. The country seems to have little to offer. Set between the harsh early Sydney life of 1788 and the 19th century impoverishment of 1868. |
| 6698 | French, Jackie White ship, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2002 | 9780207197987 | After the St Bartholomew Massacre in 16th-century France, a sea captain vows to sail until he finds a world without persecution. Centuries later, his ship is seen each sunset by a girl on an island, and is tugged off course by her cries of distress. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 3019 | French, Jackie & Whatley, Bruce (ill) Beach they called Gallipoli, The | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2014 | 9780732292263 | This book is about Gallipoli, the place, and what happened on Gallipoli Beach, from the ANZACS first landing in April to their retreat in December 1915. Images, memorabilia, illustrations and photographs enrich the recount of the months that followed the landing. Includes images that may trouble some readers. A challenging read; usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9 | French, Simon All we know | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 1987 | 9780207153594 | All Arkie knows is that things are changing, the vacant block of land is being built on and everyone is talking about going to high school. |
| 78 | French, Simon Change the locks | Penguin | 2005 | 9780143301721 | Steven has to assume much of the responsibility for his little brother when his young mother can't cope. Steven's fears, and the memories that accompany them, are explained as he becomes closer to his mother. Some strong language in context. |
| 7121 | French, Simon Where in the world | Little Hare Books | 2002 | 9781877003035 | Set in Sydney, this heart-warming, first person narrative of a boy's love for his family and his enjoyment of soccer and music is told by eleven year old, German born, Ari. |
| 19548 | Frey, James Endgame: The complete training diaries | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2015 | 9780007585342 | Before they were Players. Before the Calling. They trained to be selected as the one to save their ancient bloodline and win Endgame. In this collection of Training Diaries novellas, follow the Twelve (Marcus, Chiyoko, Sarah, Alice, Aisling, Baitsakhan, Jago, An, Shari, Kala, Maccabee and Hilal) through sacrifices and betrayals, broken hearts and broken bones, as they shed their normal lives and transform into the Players they were meant to be. |
| 4082 | Frith, Alex & Gillespie, Lisa Jane What's Chemistry all about? | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2009 | 9781409547075 | Discover how the universe is made up of tiny atoms, how they work and why chemistry is vital to our everyday lives. |
| 18049 | Frith, Alex & Gillespie, Lisa Jane What's Science all about? | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2010 | 9781409547082 | Discover what's around you and how it works, from the tiniest particles to stars and planets, and even life itself. |
| 9223 | Froud, Brian & Lee, Alan Faeries | Chrysalis Books Group | 2000 | 9781862055582 | A finely illustrated presentation of myths and legends of the world of faerie magic. |
| 30305 | Fullman, J & Graham, I & Regan, S & Thomas, I What you need to know now | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405353717 | If you've got a question, find out the answer. Lots of facts, stats and graphics about your world. |
| 881 | Funke, Cornelia Fearless | The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781906427269 | The second gothic novel in the Mirrorworld series sees Jacob Reckless facing death from the fairy's curse on the other side of the mirror. |

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| 6869 | Funke, Cornelia Reckless | Chicken House | 2010 | 9781905294855 | The love of an older brother and a girlfriend must be strong enough to overcome terrifying obstacles or Will is lost to them forever. This is Jacob's story, he is familiar with this treacherous, violent land full of intrigue, power-lust, violence, cruelty, fear, dangerous liaisons and dark secrets. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 10100 | Funke, Cornelia Thief lord, The | Chicken House | 2006 | 9781905294213 | Two orphaned children head for Venice, the place of their mother's wondrous stories. They team up with a gang of homeless children and end up on a quest for a magical roundabout. |
| | Funke, Cornelia & Bell, Anthea (trans) Inkheart series | | | | Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series. |
| 40633 | Fussell, Sandy Jaguar warrior | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781921529290 | Atl has been a Temple slave for six years but now he is imprisoned in a box, waiting to be sacrificed to the Serpent-Sun god. When the Spanish lords attack the temple, Ichtaca releases Atl to run to the next town to ask for help. Now he is free, Atl must decide whether to deliver the message or save himself. |
| 660698 | Fussell, Sandy Red day | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760651886 | Set in a modern-day small town among the remnants of a Japanese POW camp, this is the story of Charlie. Charlie has synaesthesia and hence sees and hears differently: people have auras; days of the week are coloured; numbers and letters have attitudes. But when Charlie meets Japanese exchange student Kenichi, her senses intensify and she experiences flashbacks, nausea, and hears unfamiliar voices in her head pulling her back to the town's violent past. |
| 750744 | Gagnon, Jilly #famous | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2017 | 9780062430045 | Rachel Ettinger and Kyle Bonham led fairly predictable lives until Rachel's jokey picture of Kyle working at the Burger Barn wound up going viral. Suddenly he is insta-famous and everyone on the planet knows about Rachel's silly crush on him... including Kyle. Just as they think their lives couldn't get any more complicated, an innocent photo becomes a whirlwind adventure full of fangirls, haters, and French-fry bouquets that forces them both to questions whether fame -- and love -- are worth the price. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |

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| 11042 | Gaiman, Neil Coraline | Bloomsbury | 2002 | 9780061139376 | There is something strange about Coraline's new home. It's not the mist, or the cat that always seems to be watching her, nor the signs of danger that Miss Spink and Miss Forcible, her new neighbours, read in the tea leaves. It's the other house - the one behind the old door in the drawing room. Another mother and father with black-button eyes and papery skin are waiting for Coraline to join them there. And they want her to stay with them. For ever. She knows that if she ventures through that door, she may never come back. |
| 9977 | Gaiman, Neil Graveyard book, The | Bloomsbury | 2009 | 9780747594802 | Bod appears to be a very normal boy, except that Bod is short for Nobody Owens, and Mr and Mrs Owens are not his real parents. Since babyhood, he has been raised and educated by ghosts trying to protect him from the mysterious Jack who has already brutally stabbed Bod's whole family. No one is to be trusted. For mature readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 6540 | Gaiman, Neil Neverwhere | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | | 9781472234353 | Under the streets of London lies a world most people could never dream of. When Richard Mayhew helps a mysterious girl he finds bleeding on the pavement, his boring life changes in an instant. Her name is Door, she's on the run from two assassins in black suits and she comes from London Below. His act of kindness leads him to a place filled with monsters and angels, a Beast in a labyrinth and an Earl who holds Court in a Tube train. It is strangely familiar yet utterly bizarre. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 6903 | Gaiman, Neil Norse mythology | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408886809 | In Norse Mythology, Gaiman takes the Norse myths and gives them new life; from the genesis of the legendary nine worlds, he delves into the exploits of the deities, dwarves, and giants, and culminates in Ragnarok, the twilight of the gods and the rebirth of a new time and people. Gaiman stays true to the myths while vividly reincarnating Odin, the highest of the high, wise, daring, and cunning; Thor, Odin's son, incredibly strong yet not the wisest of gods; and Loki, the son of a giant, a trickster and unsurpassable manipulator. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 44895 | Gaiman, Neil & McKean, Dave (ill) Mirrormask | Bloomsbury | 2008 | 9780747599869 | Raised in a family of circus performers, Helena has always dreamed of leading a more ordinary life. When she is drawn into a strange and magical realm, her real life is stolen by a runaway from the other side. Helena must rescue the realm from chaos in order to win back her not-so-ordinary life. Told in graphic novel style. |

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| 2009 | Gaiman, Neil & Reaves, Michael Interworld | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007523429 | Joey is a lost soul and even has trouble finding his way around his own home. Then one day he walks into another dimension where he finds other versions of himself. The problem is that armies of magicians and scientists want to bend him to their foul purposes. The magicians of HEX are out to take control of the Altiverse and Joey must work with his variants to defeat them. |
| 2010 | Gaiman, Neil & Reaves, Michael & Reaves, Mallory Silver dream | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007523474 | Joey can walk between universes. He has joined a band of freedom fighters comprised of genetic variants of himself who are dedicated to protecting the Altiverse. They must battle the twisted plans of scientists and decide if they can trust a newcomer who doesn't quite fit in. |
| 21185 | Gaiman, Neil & Russel, P. Craig (ill and adapt) Graveyard book, The: Graphic novel Volume 1 | Bloomsbury | 2014 | 9781408858998 | The first volume of a glorious two-volume, four-colour graphic novel adaptation of Neil Gaiman's #1 New York Times bestselling and Newbery Medal-winning novel The Graveyard Book. Bod is an unusual boy who inhabits an unusual place - he's the only living resident of a graveyard. Raised from infancy by the ghosts, werewolves, and other cemetery denizens, Bod has learned the antiquated customs of his guardians' time as well as their ghostly teachings - such as the ability to Fade so mere mortals cannot see him. Can a boy raised by ghosts face the wonders and terrors of the worlds of both the living and the dead? |
| 21182 | Gaiman, Neil & Russel, P. Craig (ill and adapt) Graveyard Book, The: Graphic novel Volume 2 | Bloomsbury | 2014 | 9781408859001 | The second volume of a glorious two-volume, four-colour graphic novel adaptation of Neil Gaiman's #1 New York Times bestselling and Newbery Medal-winning novel The Graveyard Book. Bod is an unusual boy who inhabits an unusual place - he's the only living resident of a graveyard. Raised from infancy by the ghosts, werewolves, and other cemetery denizens, Bod has learned the antiquated customs of his guardians' time as well as their ghostly teachings - such as the ability to Fade so mere mortals cannot see him. Can a boy raised by ghosts face the wonders and terrors of the worlds of both the living and the dead? |
| 34323 | Gaiman, Neil & Russell, P Craig (ill & adapt) Coraline: graphic novel | HarperCollins US | 2009 | 9780060825454 | Coraline is an explorer, discovering everything she can about the area around her family's new home. A door In their flat seems to go nowhere but Coraline enters an alternate world that, at first, is full of interesting things. However, the dangerous creature there, called the other mother, intends to keep her forever. When Coraline's parents are kidnapped into the other world, she sets off on a mission to rescue them. |
| 15382 | Gamble, Nikki Favourite classic writers | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2003 | 9780750242851 | Find out what inspired writers such as J R R Tolkien, C S Lewis and Louisa May Alcott to write their classics. |

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| 235 | Gardam, Jane Long way from Verona, A | Time Warner | 2001 | 9780349114057 | Jessica dreams of becoming a writer but the English private school that she attends does nothing to foster her talent. |
| 2885 | Gardiner, Jeff Pica | Accent Press | 2016 | 9781783759286 | When mean, self centred bully Luke meets Guy, he just thinks he's another weirdo to hate, but soon enough Luke finds out that Guy is not quite what he first seems. To begin with, he catches wild snakes with his bare hands and seems to have a way with animals that is just too intriguing for Luke to ignore. But what Luke discovers is that becoming friends with Guy could change his life, and indeed himself, in ways he never would have previously dreamed. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 1058 | Gardiner, Kelly Act of faith | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2011 | 9780732292805 | In 1960 England, Isabella is forced to flee her home when her father's strong opinions lead to take a stand against the army. She takes refuge in Amsterdam with an elderly printer, who is brave enough to print topics which stir religious intolerance. This results in a dangerous journey to help him escape certain death for his books. |
| 1728 | Gardiner, Kelly Sultan's eyes, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2013 | 9780732294809 | The year is 1648 and life in Venice is serene for Isabella and her friends Willem, Al-Qasim and Signora Contarini. Together they publish fine books like the controversial encyclopaedia, The Sum of All Knowledge. When a new Inquisitor declares war on free speech, they are forced to flee across the seas to the wondrous capital of the Ottoman Empire, Constantinople. |
| 4663 | Gardner, Sally Door that led to where, The | Hot Key Books | 2015 | 9781471401114 | AJ Flynn is seen as a lost cause but he still manages to get a job in a lawyer's office. In the office records, he finds a key, mysteriously labelled with his name and date of birth. He is determined to find the door that fits the key. An amazing journey back in time not only helps solve the mystery of the key but helps solve a series of crimes, including murder, in Victorian London. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 54719 | Gardner, Sally Red necklace, The | Orion | 2008 | 9781842556344 | Yann Margoza, a gypsy boy with supernatural gifts, raised by a dwarf, Tetu, is pursued by the sinister, truly-evil Count Kalliovski who holds half the French aristocracy in his power. Yann meets Sidonie, the unloved daughter of the Marquis of Villeduval. Suddenly, all their lives, present, past and future are intertwined against the momentum and violence of the French Revolution. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 4274 | Gardner, Sally Silver blade, The | Orion | 2009 | 9781842555972 | France is in the dark days of the guillotine where the innocent and guilty are killed daily. Yann and his compatriots rescue French aristocrats from the guillotine and get them safely away to England. Count Kalliovski, supposedly dead, is plotting Yann's death. Against this terrible background, Yann yearns for his love, Sidonie, whom he believes is safe in London. |
| 14593 | Gardner, Sally & Roberts, David (ill) Tinder | Orion | 2014 | 9781780621494 | Soldier Otto Hundebis defies Death but walks a dangerous path. A half beast half man gives him shoes and dice which lead him deep into a web of dark magic and mystery. He meets the beautiful Safire, pure of heart and spirit, the scheming Mistress Jabber and the terrifying Lady of the Nail. He learns the powers of the tinderbox and the wolves, whose master he becomes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5593 | Gardner, Scot Changing gear | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760631468 | Merrick Hilton has done a runner. On his postie bike. With his swag and a need to clear his head before the HSC. He plays his parents and hits the road. But there's no telling how he'll handle life's potholes when things don't go as planned. Thankfully Victor - an old bloke he meets on the road - knows a bit about broken postie bikes, and broken hearts. Will Victor, Merrick, and the dog survive road-kill, the kindness of strangers, a rave, mindless violence and unexpected romance? There's only one way to find out. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 10797 | Gardner, Scot Dead I know, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742373843 | Aaron has left school and is starting a job as assistant to a funeral director. Although uncommunicative, Aaron is a willing and capable worker. But, his home life is fraught. Aaron lives at a caravan park and is the sole carer of his guardian, who's on the verge of dementia. And, Aaron is frightened. He walks in his sleep and has nightmares he can't explain and memories he can't recover. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 783572 | Gardner, Scot Off the map | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760877101 | Our home town. Sometimes it feels like the centre of the universe, sometimes it's the bum-end of nowhere. We are her sons and daughters. These are our triumphs and our heartaches, our fears and hopes for a better life. Getting lost, falling in love, pushing boundaries, exploring the world - powerfully honest stories to make you think and feel, from the award-winning author of The Dead I Know and Changing Gear. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 351 | Garfield, Leon Shakespeare stories | Puffin Australia | 1997 | 9780140389388 | Twelve of William Shakespeare's most famous plays are presented in narrative form. |

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| 295 | Garner, Alan Owl service, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2002 | 9780007127894 | Three children find a mysterious set of dishes in an attic which sets off a chain of events from an ancient Welsh drama. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 8595 | Garner, Alan Weirdstone of Brisingamen, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2002 | 9780007127887 | Two children, Susan and Colin, are sent to rural England, where they encounter a frightening local woman and an ancient wizard, named Cadellin. They find themselves on the run through abandoned mine tunnels, aided by a pair of heroic dwarfs. |
| 15841 | Garnsworthy, Penny Cyber riddles, The | Dragonwick Publishing | 2007 | 9780977522491 | Josh hates his life. He's had to move towns, his new school doesn't have computers, the footy team's already selected and nobody seems to want to talk to him. Reluctantly, Josh befriends classmate, Caitlin, and together they play the Internet game 'Cyberhunt' which promises them one wish, if they can solve five virtual riddles. |
| 17120 | Gavin, Rohan Knightley & son | Bloomsbury | 2014 | 9781408838914 | Darkus Knightley's father was London's top private detective until he went into a coma four years ago. Now, he has woken up to discover his thirteen year old son has inherited the family talent. With a bestselling book seemingly making people do terrible things, and clues pointing to the involvement of a shadowy organisation known as the Combination, Alan needs the help of his tweed-wearing, brainiac son to investigate. |
| 113863 | Geason, Susan All fall down | Little Hare Books | 2005 | 9781877003868 | Christobel, fourteen and heiress to a fortune, is bored and lonely until she decides to dress as a boy and rescue her servant's son who has been kidnapped. It becomes a dangerous game set in the crime and disease-ridden slums of The Rocks. |
| 169 | Geason, Susan Great Australian girls | ABC Books | 1999 | 9780733307584 | The biographies of twenty-three remarkable and diverse women who started on the paths to their exceptional lives while they were still girls. |
| 128 | Gee, Maurice Fat man, The | Puffin Australia | 2000 | 9780141310176 | Colin is pleased when an old school friend of his father appears in their small New Zealand town, as the man offers his dad a job. It seems, however, that the man has a mysterious hold over Colin's family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 12943 | Gibb, Tom Fidel Castro: leader of Cuba's revolution | White-Thomson Publishing Ltd | 2001 | 9780750228626 | As a young man, Fidel Castro dreamt of a free and independent Cuba. He led a band of guerilla fighters to overthrow Cuba's dictator. His new government made sure all the people could read and write. |
| 9212 | Gibbs, Paige Lockie Leonard, human torpedo: the play | Currency Press | 1996 | 9780868194783 | When Lockie moves to a coastal town where his dad is the new police officer, he has trouble settling in. Live each agonising, embarrassing adolescent moment as he makes friends and has a torrid love affair with Vickie, prettiest girl in town. |

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| 18326 | Giblin, James Cross & Ibatouline, Bagram (ill) Secrets of the Sphinx | Scholastic US | 2005 | 9780590098472 | Large, well-illustrated book with historical information and intriguing facts about the sphinx, the origin of its craftsmen, the Rosetta Stone and Atlantis. |
| 11351 | Gilchrist, Adam True colours, young readers' edition | Pan MacMillan | 2010 | 9780330426206 | Adam Gilchrist is one of the greatest wicketkeepers in cricket history. He grew up in NSW, played State cricket for Perth, loved the Adelaide oval the most and finished his cricket career in India. |
| 833179 | Glasgow, Kathleen You'd be home now | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9781460761557 | Emmy is the good one. Not strong-willed like her sister or difficult like her brother, she takes up as little space as possible. While she's acting as her brother's guardian on his return from rehab, she's also expected to keep on top of her schoolwork and keep herself together after a terrible car accident in which she was badly injured. But Emmy has secrets, too. How long before it all falls apart? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 110 | Gleeson, Libby Dodger | Penguin | 1996 | 9780140383751 | Mick's life at high school changes when he is chosen to play the Artful Dodger. His unresolved grief, misplaced guilt over his mother's death and alienation from his father erode his confidence. Will he let the others down? Strong language in context. |
| 239 | Gleeson, Libby Love me, love me not | Penguin | 1995 | 9780140368208 | This is a collection of short stories about the ups and downs of adolescence. |
| 3293 | Gleeson, Libby Mahtab's story | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741753349 | Mahtab's family live in Herat in Afghanistan amongst the ever present Taliban. They decide to leave everything they hold dear behind and journey secretly to Australia via Pakistan and Indonesia. This is an amazing story of struggle and hope for a better future. |
| 3731 | Gleeson, Libby My Australian story: The rum rebellion, the diary of David Bellamy, Sydney Town, 1807-1809 | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781865043623 | David Bellamy is afraid. He fears the strange new land of New South Wales, its inhabitants and its wild creatures. He fears his relatives who have taken him in and the swearing, cursing Governor Bligh. And then, on Anniversary Day, 26th January, 1808, David and his new friends, Kitty and Ralph, are on the streets of Sydney Town when the military march on Government House. |
| 3619 | Gleeson, Libby Refuge | Penguin | 1998 | 9780140389852 | A family is tested when asked to hide a Timorese refugee. They must take some personal responsibility for a global issue. |
| 13089 | Gleeson, Libby & Greder, Armin (ill) I am Thomas | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742373331 | Thomas is isolated in a crowd. His story is punctuated by the words adults, such as parents, teachers, politicians, recruitment officers and churchgoers, have said to him throughout his journey from childhood to adulthood. As the voices in his life crowd in on him, Thomas looks for another way. |

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| 61 | Gleitzman, Morris Bumface | Puffin Australia | 1998 | 9780140387971 | While his irresponsible, actress mother lives a jolly life, Angus is literally left holding the babies, his younger siblings. It's a bit much for an eleven year old. Humour masks the adult themes in this story that is suitable for mature readers. |
| | Gleitzman, Morris Felix series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 2304 | Gleitzman, Morris Loyal creatures | Penguin | 2014 | 9780670077427 | They were loyal creatures, the men and horses of the Australian Light Horse. But war doesn't always pay heed to loyalty. This is the powerful story of a young man's journey towards his own kind of bravery. |
| 4792 | Gleitzman, Morris Maybe | Penguin Random House Australia | 2017 | 9780670079377 | Maybe Gabriel, Anya and Felix will escape the revenge Gogol's brother Zliv intends. Maybe they will evade a lynch mob still angry at the displaced Jews. Maybe Felix's medical abilities will provide the solution for a better new life on the other side of the world. Maybe Felix will have to leave his friends behind. |
| 259 | Gleitzman, Morris Misery guts | Pan MacMillan | 1991 | 9780330272315 | Keith's parents have become morose because of the grey, English weather. Keith intends to cheer them up with a trip to tropical, northern Australia. |
| 380 | Gleitzman, Morris Sticky beak | Pan MacMillan | 1993 | 9780330274067 | A sequel to Blabbermouth, this book continues the story of Rowena's chaotic life as a teenager who cannot speak aloud yet converses with the reader with her 'voice'. |
| 21355 | Glover, Sandra Somewhere else | Andersen Press Ltd | 2008 | 9781842708156 | A troubled girl struggles with a life she doesn't recognise. The boy who poses as her little brother tries to help her unravel the mystery of whether she is possessed, imprisoned or mentally ill. Slowly, the events that led to this terrible trauma, the result of a violent assault, are unravelled as aspects of the harrowing experience are explored. Some very strong language, used in context, may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 18647 | Godwin, Jane Falling from Grace | Penguin | 2006 | 9780143302414 | A fruitless search is mounted for Grace. Kip, the last person to see her on the beach before her disappearance, may have harmed her or a dark and sinister stranger could be involved. Adult themes with strong and coarse language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 705676 | Godwin, Jane When rain turns to snow | Lothian Books | 2020 | 9780734420053 | Lissa finds herself without her best friend, with a brother who is talking less and less to her, on the outside of a friendship group she is not so sure she wants to be in, and without her mum who is spending more and more time with a new boyfriend. One winter night a stranger shows up with a baby in his arms and asking all sorts of questions about a part of Lissa's life she knows nothing about. It is only as people come together that any sense can be made of the situation and crises averted. |
| 15336 | Gogerly, Liz Elvis Presley: the king of rock 'n' roll | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2003 | 9780750244947 | With great photos and information, this book tells of the journey of a shy country boy who became the undisputed king of rock 'n' roll. |
| 12937 | Gogerly, Liz Pablo Picasso: master of modern art | White-Thomson Publishing Ltd | 2003 | 9780750243247 | Throughout his life, Picasso took risks, experimented and pushed the boundaries. Like his art, his life was full of passion. Whether painting, producing sculptures or working with ceramics, he produced some of the greatest art of the twentieth century. |
| 43449 | Golabek, Mona & Cohen, Lee Children of Willesden lane, The: A true story of hope and survival during World War II | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760630805 | A story about the strength of one young girl separated from her family during the 2nd World War and sent to live with strangers in England. While the war drags on over years and Lisa dreams of seeing her family again she clings to the one gift her mother told her to never loose, her music. Lisa's piano playing would go on and brighten the lives of all those around her in the darkest of times and her story reminds us not just of the power of music, but of the amazing resilience and humbling kindness of the human spirit. For anyone who enjoyed The Diary of Anne Frank. |
| 35114 | Goldberg Sloan, Holly Counting by 7s | Scholastic US | 2013 | 9781743626535 | Willow Chance is a twelve year old genius, obsessed with nature, diagnosing medical conditions and counting by 7s. It has never been easy for Willow to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents. Willow has led a quietly happy life until her parents die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world. |
| 84950 | Golding, Julia Dragonfly | Oxford University Press | 2008 | 9780192727602 | When the uptight Fourth Crown Princess of the Blue Crescent Islands is sent to marry the uncouth Prince Ramil ac Burinholt, heir to the throne of Gorfal, in order to unite their lands, they are both horrified. They hate each other on sight and their lives have been very different. But, their countries are under threat and the only chance of peace is for them to form an alliance. |
| 12451 | Golds, Cassandra Clair de lune | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143300007 | Clair-de-Lune has lived with her grandmother since her mother died. She lives a sheltered life until she meets Bonaventure, a brave talking mouse, who takes Clair-de-Lune on adventures of which she had only dreamed. |

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| 24261 | Golds, Cassandra Pureheart | Penguin Books Australia | 2013 | 9780143204275 | When her grandmother dies, Deirdre is left alone in a crumbling block of flats. Looking out the window one misty night, she sees a boy who seems familiar. Together, he and Deirdre must discover the secret of the old building, before it collapses and the secret is lost forever. |
| 84867 | Golds, Cassandra Museum of Mary Child, The | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143304142 | Heloise lives with her godmother in an isolated cottage and, next door, is a sinister museum dedicated to the memory of Mary Child. Visitors enter it with a smile but depart with fear in their eyes. When Heloise finds a doll under the floorboards, she keeps it against her godmother's advice. That's when the delicate truce between Heloise and her godmother begins to unravel. |
| 25919 | Goodman, Alison Eon | Viking Children's | 2008 | 9780670062270 | Eon has been studying the ancient art of Dragon Magic to become an apprentice to one of the twelve energy dragons of good fortune. But, he has a dark secret, living a dangerous lie for the chance to become a Dragoneye. When Eon is catapulted into the treacherous world of the Imperial court, he makes a powerful enemy, Lord Ido. Some violence and adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 58464 | Goodman, Alison Eona | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2011 | 9780732284947 | Once she was Eon, a girl disguised as a boy, risking her life for the chance to become a Dragoneye apprentice. Now she is Eona, thrust into the role of her country's saviour. Eona must find the strength to walk a deadly line between truth and justice, friendship and duty, and, most of all, her feelings for the king and Rat Dragoneye. Some violence and adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 18689 | Gore, Al Inconvenient truth, An | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780747590965 | Exposes global warming and the effects and dangers we face from climate changes. Photographs depicting victims of natural disasters may be distressing to some. |
| 9356 | Gott, Robert Natalie Imbruglia | Reed Library | 2000 | 9781863919371 | Natalie Imbruglia is an internationally renowned singer and songwriter, who has won many music industry awards. |
| 6512 | Gough, Erin Amelia Westlake | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2018 | 9781760127152 | Harriet and Wilhelmina couldn't be more dissimilar. Harriet has the perfect life - she's dating the perfect girl, has been elected prefect, is the apple of her teachers' eye, and is an overachiever. Will, on the other hand, has gained the ire of her teachers and lands more detentions than she does accolades. But when both girls witness a teacher harass a fellow student, the two form an unlikely partnership to shed light on the many problems of the exclusive Rosemead Grammar. To protect their identities, they create Amelia Westlake, and as they work together they begin to question their distance from each other...Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 5297 | Gough, Erin Flywheel, The | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2015 | 9781742978178 | <p>17 year old Delilah's crazy life is about to get crazier. Ever since her father took off overseas, she's been struggling to run the family's cafe without him and survive high school. But after a misjudged crush on one of the cool girls, she's become the school punchline. With all that's on her plate she barely has time for her favourite distraction - spying on the beautiful Rosa, who dances flamenco at the tapas bar across the road.</p> <p>Only her best friend Charlie knows how she feels about Rosa, but he has romantic problems of his own. When his plan to win an older woman's heart goes horribly wrong, Del is the only one who can help him. All this leaves Del grappling with some seriously curly questions. Is it okay to break the law to help a friend? How can a girl tell another girl she likes her without it ending in humiliation and heartbreak? And - the big one - is it ever truly possible to dance in public without falling over? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p> |
| 660721 | Grace, Adalyn All the stars and teeth | St Martin's | 2020 | 9781250307781 | <p>In the Kingdom of Visidia, each island has its own unique form of magic. As princess of Visidia, Amora Montara has spent her whole life learning to control the ruling family's dangerous soul magic. Amora is determined to rule fairly and justly, and grows frustrated as her father, the King of Visidia, continues to exclude her from the politics of her future kingdom. She has also spent her entire life preparing for the performance of soul magic that will prove her suitability to rule.</p> <p>But on the night of her performance, Amora loses control of her soul magic and is forced to flee. She strikes a deal with a mysterious pirate, who promises to help her in exchange for Amora's assistance reclaiming his stolen magic. As Amora travels the seas, she learns things in her kingdom are not quite what they seem to be, and it's not just her crown that is in danger, but her entire kingdom. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p> |
| 465 | Grahame, Kenneth & Ward, Helen (ill) Wind in the willows, The | Gary Allen Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9781877082160 | In this timeless classic, Rat, Mole, Badger and Mr Toad of Toad Hall have rollicking adventures along the riverbank and in the Wild Wood. |
| 574267 | Grainger, Annalie In your light | Simon SCHUSTER | 2018 | 9781471122941 | Lil and her sister Mella have always been close. But one day, after a fight, Mella goes missing. Four months later, and no sign of Mella, a mysterious girl named Alice turns up in Lil's life. In the midst of the worst storm in Welsh history, Alice and Lil work together to bring Mella home. |

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| 6675 | Grant, Neil (ed) & Williams, David (ed) From Kinglake to Kabul | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742375304 | In this collective anthology created by students from two different countries, students show empathy and compassion. Kinglake had one day of fire disaster and Kabul has endured thirty years of war, but the students find common courage and hope. |
| 660790 | Gratz, Alan Refugee | Scholastic US | 2018 | 9781742997681 | Three different kids. One mission in common: escape. Joseph is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994 with riots and unrest plaguing her country. Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015 with his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction. All three go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. |
| 8225 | Graudin, Ryan Blood for blood | Orion | 2016 | 9781780622057 | In 1950s Germany, the war is over but, for the resistance, the fight continues. Death camp survivor, Yael, who has the power to skinshift, to change her appearance at will, is on the run after shooting and killing Hitler. But, the truth of what happened is far more complicated and the consequences are deadly. As Yael and her comrades move into enemy territory, trying to turn the tide against the New Order, dark secrets reveal dark truths. Sequel to Wolf by Wolf. Includes violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 14731 | Graudin, Ryan Wolf by wolf | Hachette Children's Books | 2016 | 9781780622026 | Experimented on during her time in a concentration camp, Yael has the unique ability to skin shift, to change her appearance at will. Now, ten years on since the Nazis won the war, Yael has just one mission, to kill Hitler. To get close to him, Yael must transform into Adele Wolfe, Germany's most famous female rider, and win the legendary Axis Tour, an epic, long distance motorcycle race from Berlin to Tokyo. Only the strongest and wildest riders survive. Includes violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 4054 | Gray, Claudia Defy the stars | Hot Key Books | 2017 | 9781471406362 | What does it mean to be human? Genesis soldier Noemi is confident she knows, and has no hesitations when it comes to destroying the mechs sent from Earth to take over her planet. But when she encounters Abel, a prototype designed to perfectly imitate and surpass the ability of humans, she begins to question her assumptions. Noemi soon realises Abel holds the key to protecting Genesis from the all-consuming powers on earth, which sends her on a heart-stopping journey across galaxies. |

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| 26760 | Gray, Claudia Star Wars: Leia, Princess of Alderaan | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2017 | 9781405288903 | A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, there was a princess who became a legend. Sixteen-year-old Princess Leia Organa is taking survival courses, practicing politics, and spearheading relief missions to worlds under Imperial control. But Leia has worries beyond her claim to the crown. Her parents, Brea and Bail, aren't acting like themselves lately, and determined to uncover her parents' secrets, Leia starts down an increasingly dangerous path that puts her right under the watchful eye of the Empire. When Leia discovers what her parents and their allies are planning behind closed doors, she finds herself facing what seems like an impossible choice; dedicate herself to the people of Alderaan - including the make she loves - or the galaxy at large, which is in desperate need of a rebel hero. |
| 4576 | Greder, Armin Australia to Z | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760113186 | This striking alphabet book shows an Australia with many dimensions. As a country, it has a lot to offer but Australia needs to confront its history and current greed; to stop leaning on old cultural institutions and symbols; and to welcome and tolerate differences. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 62419 | Greder, Armin City, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781742371429 | A woman takes her only child to live in seclusion so that he should be spared the terrible things that happen in life. She cares for him and is happy. But, one moonless night she dies. The art is sombre but highly original. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 750991 | Greder, Armin Diamonds | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760877040 | Mama, if I was to dig a hole in our garden, would I find a diamond? No, darling, there are no diamonds here. Where are diamonds, then? Oh, in other countries. In Africa for example ... A powerful parable that explores how the desire for endless riches perpetuates chains of inequality and corruption. |

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| 846238 | Greder, Armin Inheritance, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526788 | All this will soon be yours, respect what I have built and make it prosper.' These are the last words of the old industrialist before dying. While the three brothers discuss how to fulfil their father's wishes, the sister lists for them the disastrous consequences that would follow: disease; marine pollution; deforestation; the destruction of the landscape; pollution of skies and rivers... The Inheritance tells of the greed of those who hold economic power, and reminds us that silence and inaction amount to complicity. With minimal text, this powerful story is told primarily through Armin Greder's distinctive illustrations that challenge the reader to question the status quo and fight for the future. |
| 95507 | Greder, Armin Island, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741752663 | One morning, a man is found on the beach by the people of an island. Although the islanders fear the outsider and want to send him back into the ocean, the fisherman convinces them that they have a responsibility to save him from death. A powerful look at how people cope with differences and the notion of a group mentality in dealing with a situation. |
| 5892 | Greder, Armin Mediterranean, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760630959 | A lifeless body. One of many in the waters of the Mediterranean. Precarious boats navigate the waters of the sea, from south to north. And more often than not, it is not only hope that drowns. With eloquent and devastating imagery, the creator of the multi-award-winning book The Island again asks us to examine our responses to the plight of refugees. How long will we remain silent witnesses? |
| 1302 | Green, Jessica Theodork | Scholastic Australia | 2009 | 9781741693256 | It is Theodore's first year at high school. After a successful primary school career, he now finds himself considered a dork, amongst other things. Through some spectacularly unfortunate experiences, Theodore learns a lot about friendship and himself. |
| 8086 | Green, John Abundance of Katherines, An | Penguin USA | 2012 | 9780141346090 | Colin has an IQ around 200 and no social skills and Hassan understands people and social etiquette stuff so their friendship is the perfect balance. When the nineteenth of Colin's girlfriends (all called Katherine) breaks up with him, the boys decide a road trip is in order. When they end up in Gutshot, Tennessee, they meet a mother and daughter who provide all of the necessary ingredients for some problem solving to occur. |

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| 4020 | Green, John Fault in our stars, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2013 | 9780143567592 | Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But, when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 6612 | Green, John & Levithan, David Will Grayson, Will Grayson | Text Publishing Co | 2010 | 9781921656231 | Will Grayson meets Will Grayson. One cold night, in a most unlikely corner of Chicago, two strangers are about to cross paths. From that moment on, their world will collide and lives intertwine. It's not that far from Evanston to Naperville, but Chicago suburbanites Will Grayson and Will Grayson might as well live on different planets. When fate delivers them both to the same surprising crossroads, the Will Graysons find their lives overlapping and hurtling in new and unexpected directions. With a push from friends new and old - including the massive, and massively fabulous, Tiny Cooper, offensive lineman and musical theatre auteur extraordinaire - Will and Will begin building toward respective romantic turns-of-heart and the epic production of history's most awesome high school musical. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 16757 | Green, Nick Cat kin, The | Faber FABER | 2007 | 9780571234813 | Ben and Tiffany overcome their own problems when they take on the human vermin of London using their amazing martial arts skills. These skills, learnt from the unnervingly cat-like and unlikely Mrs Powell, come from an age of cat-worship. |
| 9285 | Green, Roger Lancelyn Book of dragons, A | Lioncrest | 1990 | 9780816728794 | Fantasy tales of make-believe appear before your eyes. |
| 45678 | Green, Roger Lancelyn King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2008 | 9780141321011 | When Arthur releases the sword in the stone, he and his brave knights undertake many quests, including the search for the Holy Grail. Lots of adventures involving damsels in distress, fierce jousts, sword fights, battles, tournaments and miracles. |
| 9286 | Green, Roger Lancelyn Tales of ancient Egypt | Puffin UK | 1995 | 9780140367164 | These stories, legends from ancient Egypt, are of gods, magic and adventure, including the great myths of Amen-Ra of Isis. |
| 109595 | Greenberg, Nicki Great Gatsby, The: graphic novel | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741757309 | Nicki Greenberg's adaptation of The Great Gatsby brings to life the grand and crumpled dreams of F. Scott Fitzgerald's unforgettable characters. In the exquisitely realised setting of 1920s New York, a throng of fantastical creatures play out the drama, the wry humour and the tragedy of the novel. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 46385 | Greenwood, Kerry Journey to Eureka, A | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780733617676 | Llewelyn Jones is a twelve year old boy who journeys to Australia to find his convict mother and uncle. He ends up on the goldfields at the time of The Eureka Stockade. Some strong language used in context. |

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| 12345 | Greenwood, Kerry Long walk, The | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780733617669 | In 1931, a family's mother falls ill and their only hope is to reach their father working on the Great Ocean Road. The children set off on a long journey, with only a pram filled with their belongings, meeting all types of people on the way. |
| 1436 | Greenwood, Kerry My Australian story: A different sort of real, the diary of Charlotte McKenzie, Melbourne, 1918-1919 | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781865043838 | As the horrors of the First World War are drawing to a close, an influenza pandemic has arisen that will kill more people around the world than the Great War. Charlotte McKenzie, assisting the doctor, finds herself experiencing first hand the effects of this devastating disease. This is Charlotte's diary, written in post World War I Melbourne in 1918. |
| 5873 | Greenwood, Mark & Lessac, Frane (ill) Midnight | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781921977718 | This is the story from World War I of Guy Haydon and his horse, Midnight, as they enlist with the army, travel across the world and play a starring role in a great cavalry charge. |
| 305 | Grimble, Arthur Pattern of islands, A | | 1965 | 9780719505652 | The colonial governor gives his account of life on Kirabati and Tuvalu, two islands in the Pacific. |
| 3761 | Grimm, Jacob & Grimm, Wilhelm (collected) & Grimly, Gris (ill) Gris Grimly's tales from the Brothers Grimm | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2016 | 9780062352330 | A beautifully bound and illustrated collection of some of the more unusual tales from The Brothers Grimm alongside the much-loved classics. With a translation by Margaret Hunt that pulls no punches, these retellings are as original as you will find, opening a magical world of fairy tales and folk lore to inspire imaginations and readers of all ages and generations. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 68366 | Grindley, Sally Bitter chocolate | Bloomsbury | 2010 | 9780747595021 | A gripping story of two boys whose lives are anything but carefree. Pascal and Kojo work on a cocoa plantation in West Africa and they desperately want to get back to their homes to see if their families are still alive. Global social issues of child soldiers and child labour are sensitively and realistically portrayed. |
| 12717 | Grindley, Sally Broken glass | Bloomsbury | 2008 | 9780747586159 | Brothers, Suresh and Sandeep, end up as street kids in a city far from their home village. They become glass collectors, searching through the rubbish dumps and dirty alleys to find glass to sell in order to survive. But, when Suresh realises his younger brother isn't coping as well as he thought, he must find a way to save Sandeep and himself from a terrible fate. |
| 15025 | Grindley, Sally Spilled water | Bloomsbury | 2004 | 9780747571469 | One frightening day, everything changes in Lu Si-Yan's life. A country Chinese girl whose father dies, Lu Si-Yan is sold by her uncle to work for a family in the big city. She refuses to spend her life in servitude, determined to be reunited with her family. |

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| | Grisham, John Theodore Boone series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 4706 | Grochowicz, Joanna Into the white | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760293659 | This is the story of Robert Falcon Scott's Terra Nova expedition to Antarctica and the memorable characters, who with a band of shaggy ponies and savage dogs, follow a man they trust into the unknown. Battling storms at sea, impenetrable pack ice, man-eating whales, crevasses, blizzards, bad food, extreme temperatures, and equal measures of hunger, agony and snow blindness, the team pushes on against all odds. But will the weather hold? Will their rations be adequate? How will they know when they get there? And who invited the Norwegians? |
| 783567 | Grochowicz, Joanna Shackleton's endurance: An Antarctic survival story | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526092 | In 1914, Shackleton set out to chart the Antarctic continent. It was a journey fraught with setbacks and challenges. The ship, Endurance, becomes locked in the ice and when it begins to sink the men are forced to make camp on the ice floes. These are unstable subject to cracking and separating. The crew must journey through perilous conditions to find safety and the security of land. Battling hunger, exhaustion and fluctuating weather conditions the crew finally make it to Elephant Island where the crew separate in the hope of bringing help to rescue them. But with WW1 raging this proves challenging. An inspiring journey of perseverance, hope and courage. |
| 2511 | Groth, Darren Are you seeing me | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9780857984739 | Nineteen-year-old twins, Justine and Perry, embark on a holiday to North America. Perry has a brain condition that can cause him to become distressed and behave in inappropriate ways, and after the death of their father, Justine has become his sole carer. This trip will mark a shift in their relationship, towards independence, and an opportunity for their absent mother to atone for past mistakes. |

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| 35567 | 🌀Groth, Darren Exchange of heart | Penguin Random House Australia | 2017 | 9780143781578 | Since the death of his sister, Evie, Munro Maddux has been stuck. Flashbacks. Anger. Chest pains. A constant ache in his right hand. And a taunting voice he calls the Coyote. In an act of desperation, Munro heads off on a student exchange to Australia - the country of Evie's dreams. Forced by his new school to join a volunteer program, Munro discovers the Coyote is silenced in one place: Fair Go, an assisted-living residence in Brisbane's west. Munro gets to know his team of residents: designer Bernie; sleeping refugee Shah; would-be wedded couple Blake and Dale; comic creator Iggy; and self-defence tutor Florence. As this unlikely group shows Munro the sights, Munro's notion of what it means to be a big brother begins to change. But the burden Munro carries is not so easily cast aside. Will the Coyote triumph? Or can Munro find the fortitude necessary to mend his heart? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 660733 | 🌀Grylls, Bear Ghost flight | Orion | 2016 | 9781409156826 | An aeroplane is discovered in the Amazon jungle. Will Jaeger; The Hunter, lead's a team of elite special forces on a desperate race which uncovers secrets and a conspiracy from Nazi Germany during World War Two. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 587842 | 🌀Guillaume, Jenna What I like about me | Pan MacMillan | 2019 | 9781760559120 | You know those movies where teenagers have the summer of their lives? This summer is probably not going to be that. Here lies Maisie Martin, dead from embarrassment, aged sixteen. The last thing Maisie Martin thought she'd be doing this summer is entering a beauty pageant. Not when she's spent most of her life hiding her body from everyone. Not when her Dad is AWOL for Christmas and her best friend starts going out with the boy she's always loved. But Maisie's got something to prove. And she's not going to let anything or anyone- including herself- hold her back. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 846090 | Gwynne, Phillip Break, The | Penguin Books Australia | 2021 | 9780143789383 | Growing up with the famous Bali surf at his back door, sixteen year old Taj had an idyllic childhood, until ten years ago when his father was arrested for smuggling drugs. He's been on death row in Bali's infamous Kerobokan Prison ever since, leaving Taj in a weird limbo. When an execution date is set, Taj is left with one course of action, bust his dad out of jail and hightail it back to Australia. What follows is the desperate, dangerous rid of a father and son on the run. As events unravel and time runs out, Taj uncovers startling truths about his family, his girlfriend and the stranger he is rapidly falling for. |

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| | Gwynne, Phillip The debt series | | | | Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series. |
| 11377 | Hackett, Dave Summer of kicks, The | University of Queensland Press | 2015 | 9780702253362 | Starrphyre is your average, dorky sixteen year old, with one difference. He has a very weird name, thanks to his hippy parents, a radio sex therapist mum and a bass player dad, from a tragic one-hit-wonder 1980s metal band. All Starrphyre wants is one date with his dream girl, Candace McAllister, but so does every other high school guy. Perhaps starting a band with his video-game obsessed pals will do the trick. |
| | Hackett, Dave UFO series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9783 | Haddon, Mark Boom | David Fickling Books | 2009 | 9780385616294 | Jimbo and his friend, Charlie, suspect there is something not right about two of their teachers. They get too close to the truth when Charlie is abducted. Jimbo enlists the help of his death-metal music loving, dark eyeliner-wearing sister to track Charlie down and discover the truth. |
| 751055 | Hahn, Erin More than maybe | Wednesday Books | 2020 | 9781250231642 | Luke and his twin brother Cullen are podcasters. In their final year of high school, their podcast has reached a cult level following. When Cullen and his boyfriend (also Luke's best friend) Zack release a recording of Luke singing a love song to an unnamed girl on the podcast, the whole listenership wants to know who this mystery girl could be. Luke is furious. Meanwhile, Luke's colleague Vada has a solid five year plan. Falling in love with Luke is not part of that plan. But with the release of this song, she starts to wonder if he could be part of her life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 8623 | Hale, Jenny Jatta | Scholastic Australia | 2009 | 9781741693126 | Jatta is a princess in the kingdom of Alteda but her life is no fairytale. When Jatta was three, her mother was slain by werewolves and, now, at fourteen, she has discovered that the werewolves left their curse on her and she will transform into a wolf on the full moon. With her brother, she bravely resists a dark lord and grows in confidence, resourcefulness and bravery to overcome the evil. |

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| 3113 | Hall, Sandy Been here all along | Swoon Reads | 2016 | 9781250100658 | Gideon always had a plan. His plans include running for class president, leading the yearbook committee and having his choice of colleges. They do not include falling head over heels for his best friend and next-door neighbour, Kyle. Kyle finally feels like he has a handle on life. He has a wonderful girlfriend, a best friend willing to debate the finer points of Lord of the Rings and social acceptance as captain. Then both Ruby and Gideon start acting weird...Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3157 | Halpern, Jake & Kujawinski, Peter Nightfall | Hot Key Books | 2016 | 9781471405730 | On Marin's island, sunrise doesn't come every twenty-four hours - it comes every twenty-eight years. Now the sun is just a sliver of light on the horizon. The weather is turning cold. The shadows are growing long. The dark is rising. And soon it will be Night. Because Night is falling. Their island is changing. And something is stirring in the dark. |
| 62251 | Ham, Paul (ed) & Edwards, Debbie (trans) Yoko's diary | ABC Books | 2013 | 9780733331176 | A moving account of a young girl's life in Hiroshima in 1945. Through her diary, 13 year old Yoko documents life in Japan, a country on the brink of defeat at the end of the Second World War. Yoko is keen to do her duty and her daily accounts of life reveal the austerity and hardship, the extreme food shortages and rationing. It also shows the courage of those who died and survived the war and bombing of Hiroshima. |
| 660782 | Han, Jenny Always and forever, Lara Jean | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781481430487 | Lara Jean is having the best senior year. And there's still so much to look forward to: a class trip to New York City, prom with her boyfriend Peter, Beach Week after graduation, and her dad's wedding to Ms. Rothschild. Then she'll be off to college with Peter, at a school close enough for her to come home and bake chocolate chip cookies on the weekends. Life couldn't be more perfect! At least, that's what Lara Jean thinks... until she gets some unexpected news. Now the girl who dreads change must rethink all her plans -- but when your heart and your head are saying two different things, which one should you listen to? |

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| 660781 | Han, Jenny PS I still love you | Scholastic Australia | 2014 | 9781442426733 | They were just pretending. Until they weren't. And now Lara Jean has to learn what it's like to be in a real relationship and not just a make-believe one. But when another boy from her past returns to her life, Lara Jean's feelings for him suddenly return too. Can a girl be in love with two boys at once? |
| 18053 | Han, Jenny Summer I turned pretty, The | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780141330532 | Every year, Isabel spends a perfect summer at her family friends' house. There's the swimming pool at night, the private stretch of sandy beach and the two boys - unavailable, aloof Conrad and friendly, relaxed Jeremiah. But this year, something is different. They seem to have noticed her for the first time. |
| 660780 | Han, Jenny To all the boys I've loved before | Scholastic Australia | 2014 | 9781442426702 | Sixteen-year-old Lara Jean Song keeps her love letters in a hatbox her mother gave her. They aren't love letters that anyone else wrote for her; these are ones she's written. One for every boy she's ever loved -- five in total. When she writes, she pours out her heart and soul and says all the things she would never say in real life, because her letters are for her eyes only. Until the day her secret letters are mailed, and suddenly, Lara Jean's love life goes from imaginary to out of control. |
| 7737 | Hand, Cynthia Last time we say goodbye, The | HarperCollins US | 2015 | 9780732299002 | The last time Lex was happy, it was before. When her family was whole. and friends didn't look at her as if she might break down. Now, she's just the girl whose brother killed himself. Lex tries to block out the night Tyler died but regret and their last goodbye haunt her. As Lex learns to grieve and recover, she discovers that a ghost doesn't have to be real to keep you from moving on. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 750732 | Hannah, Sophie Killings at Kingfisher Hill, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2020 | 9780008264536 | Renowned detective Hercule Poirot has been secretly summoned to an exclusive estate to solve the mystery of who killed Frank Devonport. With 2 confessions and an unexpected second body, Poirot will have to piece together a tangled web of clues before the real killer can be identified. |
| 33466 | Hannigan, Katherine True (...sort of) | Greenwillow | 2011 | 9780061968754 | Suitable for mature readers. Deals with selective mutism as a result of violence which is never shown directly. Handled well. Three unique and very different children learn to appreciate one another and the abilities each possesses, which leads to them being able to deal with a frighteningly adult issue. |

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| 43461 | Hansen, Robert Cool coding | Pavilion | 2017 | 9781843653233 | This book is the perfect addition to any home or school. Coding is a subject we all have questions about, and this handy little book is beautifully laid out to dip into - either to find the answer to a question or to browse. Written in neat little chunks with fun facts, colourful illustrations and careful definitions. There are even links and exercises to continue with once you've finished reading the book. |
| 108 | Harding, Lee Displaced person | Puffin USA | 1990 | 9780140327960 | Graeme starts to feel as if he is alienated from the rest of the human race. A psychological thriller that deals with schizophrenia. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 660474 | Hardinge, Frances Deeplight | Pan MacMillan | 2019 | 9781529014570 | On the jumbled streets of the island of Lady's Crave live Hark and his best friend Jelt. They are scavengers: living off their wits, diving for relics of the gods, desperate for anything they can sell. But now there is something restless stirring beneath the waves, calling to someone brave enough to retrieve it. Something valuable. Something dangerous... |
| 47235 | Hardinge, Frances Skinful of shadows, A | Pan MacMillan | 2017 | 9781509869305 | Makepeace Lightfoot lives during harsh times. During the English Civil War she has to travel to live with her paternal family after the death of her mother. Makepeace has inherited more than most from her father's family. She has to learn to defend herself from ghosts. The struggle to make a life for herself in 17th century England with strict religious rules could be the hardest struggle of all. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above. |
| 18574 | Harland, Richard Sassycat: the night of the dead | Omnibus Books | 2005 | 9781862916708 | Sassycat is lightning fast and beautiful but, so conceited. She places her human carer, Rebecca, in great danger of being possessed by evil ghosts. Sassycat must stop thwarting the local pets and become a team player to protect Rebecca. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 6807 | Harlen, Jonathan Blood sports: Fletcher Smith, sports P I | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781741690200 | Fourteen year old Fletcher Smith is a sports private Investigator, working out of the Institute in Canberra. With his adult side-kick, Frank, he takes on a case to solve the kidnap of football coach, Kelvin Hunt. |
| 76333 | Harlen, Jonathan Dangerous games: Fletcher Smith, sports P I | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781741691443 | Fourteen year old Fletcher Smith is a private investigator, working for the Institute of Sport. Trouble has found Fletcher since his father died in mysterious circumstances. Hired by rising cricket star Tom Baker to retrieve a lucky pig's foot, given to him by Don Bradman, Fletcher finds himself fighting for his life in the dangerous underworld of Australian sport. To crack this case, he'll need to battle killer sea wasps, a ruthless hitman and a deranged tennis prodigy. |

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| 145 | Harlen, Jonathan Fracture zone | Scholastic Australia | 1994 | 9781862912250 | A story of a mother pining for her homeland, an eccentric old lady and a very sensitive, teenage boy. |
| 228 | Harlen, Jonathon Lion and the lamb, The | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780733616518 | Themes of bullying and prejudice interweave in this story of gentle Hector and two neighbouring boys. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 788 | Harmer, Wendy I lost my mobile at the mall | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741663716 | This is the story of how Elly Pickering's life falls apart, piece by piece, after the catastrophic loss of her mobile phone. She simply can't survive. If it wasn't for FacePlace, she might as well be stranded on a desert island. |
| 4074 | Harmer, Wendy I made lattes for a love god | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742379913 | Elly Pickering has a juicy secret. A secret her PR mum won't let her tell anyone because if the kids at Oldcastle High knew that mega-star Jake Blake (yes, THE Jake Blake, teen sensation and all round heart-throb) was coming to Oldcastle to film his latest movie, they might just explode with excitement. Elly is determined to get on set and to get more than a glimpse of her Hollywood crush. But now thanks to an unfortunate incident involving a car, a red handbag and the paparazzi, it looks like Elly's lost a lot more than her opportunity to be close to Hollywood royalty. She's lost her dignity, her job and her best friend. How can she get everything back to normal? |
| 233 | Harnett, Cynthia Load of unicorn, The | Egmont Childrens | 2001 | 9780749746964 | Bendy, whose family runs a scrivener's shop, solves the mystery when the master printer, William Caxton, fails to receive the paper shipped to him aboard the cargo ship, Madalena. A classic about the Caxton printing press. |
| 689512 | Harrell, Rob Wink | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9781460758878 | Ross Maloy just wants to fit in. But after he is diagnosed with a rare eye cancer in Year 7, he suddenly becomes the 'cancer kid' of his school. Now he has to deal with weird hats, a squinty eye and hardest of all, disappearing friends, social media bullies and the threat of losing his eyesight. Wink is a heartbreaking and hilarious story of survival. A story of finding music and laughter in all of life's weirdness. |
| 9759 | Harrington, Jane Extreme pets | Scholastic US | 2006 | 9780439829489 | Fascinating facts about some very unusual animals and insects in a magazine style book. Each animal has its own report card with a rating out of ten on the animal's coolness, friendliness and ease of care. |
| 62 | Harris, Christine Buried secrets | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9780091827489 | Fourteen very different stories in this collection cover topics such as x-ray vision, senility and coping with braces. |
| 390 | Harris, Christine Strike | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9780091829179 | Set in Port Adelaide during the Depression, two friends are affected by the 'wharfies' strike of 1928. |
| 133 | Harris, David Firebug | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141306636 | David has been accused of being a firebug since he started a fire at the age of six that resulted in tragedy. He experiences a horrifying ordeal, at the hands of a real firebug, when fires break out in his local area. |

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| 141 | Harris, David Fortress | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141303239 | Survival, fraud, violence, mystery and suspense are included in this story which is part of the Cliffhanger series. |
| 246 | Harris, David & Jones, Max Man called possum, A | Penguin | 1998 | 9780140382686 | Max Jones, country detective, is determined to uncover the truth about Possum, the town hermit. |
| 26825 | Harris, Joanne Runemarks | Corgi Books | 2007 | 9780552555753 | Young Maddy Smith is despised and feared because of her runemark, showing she has magic powers. Since the war which destroyed the Norse Gods, the Order has taken hold, decreeing all magic should be banned. Maddy is befriended by a mysterious old man who asks her to journey into the earth to bring back the Whisperer, an oracle which foreshadows amazing changes to the balance between Worlds. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9264 | Harris, Rory & McFarlane, Peter Book to write poems by, A | Australian Association for the Teaching of English | 1983 | 9780909955427 | Inspiration for poets of all ages lies within these pages. |
| 689227 | Harris, Tayla and Castles, Jennifer More than a kick | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760525804 | AFLW player Tayla Harris was at work on the footy field when she kicked a goal. A photo of the kick, taken by Michael Wilson, showcased her incredible ability and was posted online. What happened next was an extraordinary turning point in Tayla's life. The photo quickly became iconic as Tayla stood strong against the online trolls. This is the inspiring story of Tayla's stellar sporting career and her hard-earned advice for navigating the ups and downs of social media. |
| 4095 | Harrison, Jane Becoming Kirrali Lewis | Magabala Books | 2015 | 9781922142801 | In 1985, Kirrali Lewis, a young Aboriginal teenager, leaves her home town in rural Victoria to begin a law degree in Melbourne. Adopted at birth by a white family, Kirrali doesn't question her cultural roots until a series of life-changing events force her to face up to her true identity. Her decision to search for her biological parents sparks off a political awakening that no one sees coming, least of all Kirrali. |
| 296 | Harrison, Michael & Stuart-Clark, Christopher Oxford book of story poems, The | Oxford University Press | 2002 | 9780192762122 | With the common theme of narrative verse, this collection of poems contains humorous and serious verse for children and adults. |
| 9265 | Harrison, Michael & Stuart-Clark, Christopher Oxford treasury of classic poems | Oxford University Press | 2004 | 9780192762894 | An anthology for middle years' students for all times. |

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| 14680 | Harrison, Troon Horse road, the | Bloomsbury | 2012 | 9781408819357 | In Ferghana, Central Asia, in 102 BC, thirteen year old Kallisto is an excellent horsewoman. One day, while racing her horses in the mountains, Kallisto sees the Chinese army approaching her city. On reaching home, she finds a deserted city, and her favourite horse and others missing. Kallisto is determined to get the horses back, even if this means being challenged to a duel of horsemanship and skill. |
| 804346 | Harry, Pip Are you there, Buddha? | Lothian Books | 2021 | 9780734420305 | Bee Ballentine is starting her first year of high school at beachside Crescent Bay. Still reeling from the departure of her mother who left for an ashram in India, Bee talks to Buddha and begs for her first period not to arrive. She's not ready to become a woman yet, whatever that means. Although Bee has yet to find her group at school, her best friend forever is Leon McKay, the hottest boy in Year 8. As long as Leon has her back Bee can survive the mean girls, her meddling step-mum Kath, her swimming nemesis, The Piranha. |
| 35592 | Harry, Pip Because of you | University of Queensland Press | 2017 | 9780702259777 | Tiny is an eighteen-year-old girl living on the streets of Sydney, running from her small-town past. She finds short-term accommodation at Hope Lane - a shelter for the homeless - where she meets Nola, a high school student on volunteer placement. Both girls share their love of words through the Hope Lane writing group. Can they share their secrets, too? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 20172 | Hart, Deborah Guarding Eden | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760112356 | The personal stories of twelve ordinary people, so concerned about climate change that they altered their lives to do something about it. Some were involved behind the scenes, researching or writing, while others decided to go public in campaigns, blockades, rallies and a hunger strike. They come from all walks of life. There's a nurse, a musician, an insurance broker, a teacher, a lawyer and a vet. |
| 10712 | Hartland, Jessie Steve Jobs: Insanely great | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9780857988560 | Steve Jobs was a tinkerer. He was also rebellious, did not follow rules and dropped out of college after one semester. At twenty one, he started Apple Computer in his parents' garage and it became the world's most valuable company. Jobs became the tastemaker of a generation, creating products that we now can't live without, while revolutionising the music, phone and tablet computer industries in the process. A graphic biography. |

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| 1039 | Hartland, Richard Song of the slums | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743310052 | In the Birmingham slums. the outcast gangs are creating a new kind of music, with pounding rhythms and wild guitars. Seventeen year old Astor is trained in classical music but, when her life plummets from riches to rags, there is only one way to survive. Charismatic Verrol, once her servant, is now her partner in crime. He could be so much more, if only he'd reveal his past. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 46918 | Hartnett, Sonya Ghost's child, The | Viking Children's | 2007 | 9780670029457 | This is the life story of Matilda. Her isolated childhood and her quest with her father to find the most beautiful thing in the world; her unusual marriage to Feather, part sprite part wild man, that promised true happiness and the loss that she suffered when she had to let him go. This book is part enchanting fable and part love story. |
| 10321 | Hartnett, Sonya Midnight zoo, The | Viking Children's | 2010 | 9780670074051 | Two gypsy boys, carrying a secret bundle, are fleeing through a war-ravaged countryside during the night and come across a small zoo, untouched by the war. The animals are in need of hope, as are the boys. |
| 15617 | Harvey, Gill & McNee, Ian (ill) Tutankhamun | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2006 | 9780746060179 | Howard Carter had spent five long years in the hot, dry desert, searching for the tomb of the Ancient Egyptian boy-king, Tutankhamun. But what he found when he ventured deeper and deeper into the tomb was gold and treasure beyond his wildest dreams. |
| 2777 | Hashimi, Nadia One half from the East | HarperCollins US | 2016 | 9780062572196 | When Obayda's father loses a leg in a bomb explosion, the family is forced to move from Kabul to a small village. Life is very different and her father rarely leaves his room. To bring luck to the family, Obayda's aunt suggests dressing her as a boy, a bacha posh. Now, she is Obayd. Life in this in-between place is confusing until Obayd meets Rahim, another bacha posh. They can explore on their own, climb trees and play sports. But, their transformation and newfound freedoms can't last forever. |
| 18407 | Haski, Pierre Diary of Ma Yan: the life of a Chinese schoolgirl, The | Virago Press | 2005 | 9781844081806 | An incredible story of survival and spirit. In Zhangjiashu, China, fourteen year old Ma Yan struggles to escape poverty through persistent, sometimes desperate, attempts to continue her education. Her diary details a world few of us can imagine. |
| 328 | Hathorn Libby Rift | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780733608797 | Vaughan gets caught up with an evil Pastor who has created division in his town. He desperately wants to belong. In fact, Vaughan wants to gain entry to the gang so badly he is willing to accept their terrifying challenge. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 13398 | Hathorn, Libby Eventual poppy day | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2015 | 9780732299514 | Living one hundred years apart, two seventeen year old men are artists and share a love of painting. In 1915, Maurice enlists to fight in World War I and his story allows us to see the brutality and futility of war, as well as the friendship and loyalty that develops. A century later, it is Maurice's diary, preserved in a tin box, that saves his deeply-troubled nephew, Oliver, from entering a downward spiral. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 1434 | Hathorn, Libby Fire song | ABC Books | 2009 | 9780733324208 | It's 1954 and Ingrid's family has hit hard times. Her father has gone, her two brothers have been fostered out and there's no money. When her mother asks her to do something she knows is wrong, something completely against her principles, Ingrid is desperate for help to make her own decisions and fight for what she believes in. |
| 413 | Hathorn, Libby Thunderwith | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1998 | 9780733610592 | Lara is devastated over the loss of her mother and escapes to the hills to meet her only friend, a wild dog, called Thunderwith. |
| 449 | Hathorn, Libby & Rogers, Gregory (ill) Way home | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1995 | 9780091829186 | The story of homelessness and the city and the need for a boy and a cat to belong and to be safe. |
| 89538 | Hautzig, Deborah Second star to the right | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406315493 | Leslie is a normal, healthy, well-adjusted fourteen year old going to a good school. She has a great friend and her mother loves her to the moon and back. But, something is wrong and Leslie would be happy if only she was thinner. A very candid disclosure of the story of a young girl in the grip of anorexia nervosa, of the fight she had to conquer her problems and a subtle insight into her particular circumstances. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 118 | Hautzig, Esther Endless steppe: growing up in Siberia, The | HarperTrophy | 1995 | 9780064405775 | It is 1942 and Ester and her family are arrested as capitalists by Stalin. For the next five years, they live in exile in the endless wasteland of Siberia. |
| 7421 | Havel, Geoff Water | Scholastic Australia | 2010 | 9781741695601 | Thirteen year old Tully discovers she has had her DNA artificially manipulated by her father. Tully and her father are kidnapped and taken to the research facility where she learns she is part of a much larger human DNA experiment aimed at creating humans capable of surviving in underwater environments for the purpose of mining. |
| | Hawke, Rosanne Joel Billings series | | | | Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series. |

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| 52860 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hawke, Rosanne Marrying Ameera | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2010 | 9780732291440 | Ameera is seventeen, the daughter of an Australian Christian mother, and a Pakistani father who is a devout Muslim. Seeking to be like her Australian friends, Ameera discovers that her father strongly opposes social contact with non-Muslims. When her father discovers Ameera's interest in a Pakistani Christian boy, she is sent to Pakistan, thinking she is attending her cousin's wedding. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 40705 | Hawke, Rosanne Messenger bird, The | University of Queensland Press | 2012 | 9780702238826 | Tanmar's older brother is dead, her mum's gone away and her dad avoids talking about the things that really matter. Plagued by nightmares about her brother, Tamar has no interest in school or friends. When she discovers an old handwritten sheet of music and plays the tune, Tamar meets gifted violinist, Nathaniel, a man from her house's past. She is unwittingly drawn into a journey through time and music. |
| 12373 | Hawke, Rosanne Soraya the storyteller | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734407092 | Soraya, the storyteller, keeps her memories of Afghanistan alive while living in uncertainty under temporary protection in Australia. An ebony horse flies through her dreams helping her to find a strange land where she can be safe. |
| 6076 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hawke, Rosanne Truth about Peacock Blue, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781743319949 | When Aster's brother dies, everything changes. Instead of marriage, she is sent to the high school in her brother's place. Aster is excited but, as a Christian, she is unprepared for the difficulties of attending a Muslim school in Pakistan. When Aster is accused of blasphemy, she is taken to jail. A social justice lawyer defends her and Aster's cousin starts an online campaign to free her. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 8787 | Hawke, Rosanne Zenna Dare | Rhiza Press | 2014 | 9781925139037 | A secret spans five generations from Cornwall to Australia. When Jenefer moves to the old family home, she uncovers a secret from the past. She begins to wonder whether her great, great, great grandmother, a mother of nine, led a double life and what connection she had to Zenna Dare, the glamorous, young singer. Zenna Dare brings reconciliation in more ways than Jenefer could ever have imagined. |

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| 4839 | Hawke, Rosanne Liana's dance | Rhiza Press | 2017 | 9781925139907 | Sixteen-year-old Lianna Bedford lives in constant fear. Political tensions in Pakistan are rising. Terrorist attacks are becoming an everyday norm. As a Pakistani-Australian, she could be the next target. When her school friends are taken hostage by terrorists, Lianna's world disappears overnight. Alongside her music teacher, Mr Kimberley, she must journey through rural Pakistan in a bid to find them and bring them home. But Mr Kimberley has a secret, and to save him and her friends, Lianna must overcome her fears. And dance for her life. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 31983 | Hawke, Rosanne & Cornish, D M (ill) Tales of Jahani, The: Daughter of nomads | University of Queensland Press | 2016 | 9780702253935 | Fourteen year old Jahani lives a peaceful life in her village in Pakistan. But, havoc is brewing in the Mughal Empire, with tyrants and war lords burning villages in their quest to rule. After an assassin strikes in a bazaar, Jahani discovers her life is not as it seems. With her mysterious protector, Azhar, she flees over treacherous terrain towards the fabled Qurraqoram Mountains. Surrounded by deceit and danger, Jahani does not know who to trust or what their destination will reveal. The story concludes in book 2, The Leopard Princess. |
| 4580 | Hawke, Rosanne & Cornish, D M (ill) Tales of Jahani, The: Leopard Princess, The | University of Queensland Press | 2016 | 9780702254222 | First Moon of Autumn, 1662. After reuniting with the nomads, fourteen year old Jahani is finally home. With her red hair dyed black, she can travel through the Qurraqoram Mountains without fear of being captured. But, the tyrants and war lords who pursue Jahani will not rest in their battle for power. Before long, the nomads are attacked. To fulfil her true destiny, Jahani must try to discover a pathway to peace in the northern kingdoms. Sequel to Daughter of nomads and the conclusion to The Tales of Jahani. |
| | Hawking, Lucy & Stephen George's secret key to the universe series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 755133 | Hawkins, Finbar Witch | Head of Zeus | 2020 | 9781800245907 | Evey and her sister have to escape when they witness their mother being accused of witchcraft. Left in a state of bewilderment, who can they trust and where can they turn for help? Their journey unexpectedly shows them the resilience of family, and helps them to learn to trust again. But can they ever reveal their own witch craft leanings? |

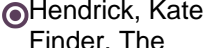
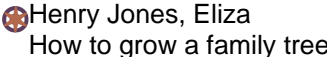
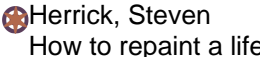
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| 14686 | Hayes, Alinta & Nelson, Andrew Dreamtime at the 'G | Indij Readers | 2007 | 9780975686195 | A Year 8 student and a Year 10 student meet with Aboriginal AFL players at the Melbourne Cricket Ground to interview them about their profession as elite footballers. Topics include training, racism in sport, rewards and coaching. |
| 18998 | Hayes, Rosemary Blue-eyed Aborigine, The | Frances Lincoln | 2010 | 9781847800787 | After the shipwreck of the Batavia off Western Australia in 1629, a cabin boy and a soldier were involved in a grisly, notorious mutiny. Most mutineers were hanged but the two men were marooned on the mainland, becoming Australia's first European settlers. No trace of them was ever found. Later European explorers reported seeing Aboriginal Australians with blue eyes. This novel suggests what might have happened in between. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 8372 | Hayes, Rosemary Mixing it | Frances Lincoln | 2007 | 9781845074951 | Fatimah is a devout Muslim. Steve has never given much thought to faith. Both are in the street the day a terrorist bomb explodes and their lives are changed forever. While their families are breaking down barriers, the terrorists have another target in mind. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 37853 | Hayes, Rosemary Payback | Frances Lincoln | 2009 | 9781845079352 | Halima, 18, has moved with her family to London and her horizons are beginning to expand. Then, just as she is about to start university, she discovers her father's plan to marry her to the son of a distant relation in Pakistan who once did him a favour. Halima is to be the repayment of the debt. And it's payback time. Adult themes and strong language in context. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 36 | Heaney, Seamus Beowulf | Faber FABER | 2000 | 9780571203765 | A translation of the classic, Anglo-Saxon epic of warriors, dragons and monsters composed between the 7th and 10th centuries. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 132126 | Hearn, Julie Ivy | Simon SCHUSTER | 2008 | 9780192754318 | Ivy, a common, laudanum addict living with thieves and scoundrels, is a stunner, a term for an artist's model and beauty. After embarking on a life of crime in London, she is sold out by her adopted family and falls victim to a pre-Raphaelite painter's jealous mother. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 41815 | Hearn, Julie Wreckers | Oxford University Press | 2011 | 9780192729293 | In 1732, a mysterious box is taken from the Cornish sea and hidden in the wall of the nearby cliff-top manor house. A century from now, sixteen years after London is destroyed in an apocalyptic attack, five teenagers spend the night in the abandoned house. They discover the box and take it home. What lay within is only dormant, waiting for the time when it would be released upon the world. And that time is now. |

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| 5460 | Heath, Jack Cut out, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760111984 | Fero isn't a spy. But, he looks exactly like Troy Maschenov, a ruthless enemy agent. What starts out as mistaken identity quickly turns into a complicated and dangerous plan. Fero is recruited to fight for his country. He has to impersonate Troy, enter enemy territory, hunt down a missing agent and bring her home in time to prevent a devastating terror attack. Hastily trained, loaded up with gadgets and smuggled across the border, Fero discovers the truth about espionage. Getting in is easy. Getting out alive is hard. |
| 4337 | Heath, Jack Fail safe, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925266078 | Everyone seems to know who Fero is, except Fero. He's either a ruthless boy soldier from Besmar or an innocent teen recruit from Kamau. Whatever, he's running out of time to decide. If he doesn't help a renegade spy steal a politician's briefcase, his two countries could end up in a full blown nuclear war, the kind that no one wins. Sequel to The cut out. |
| 97681 | Heath, Jack Hit list | Pan MacMillan | 2010 | 9780330425841 | Ash and Benjamin are thieves. They find stolen artefacts and return them to their owners. When they try to rescue Alice B from the only place in the world who know more than the CIA, they encounter assassins, huge swimming pools and Ghosts. Includes violence. Usually read by students in years 9,10 and above. |
| 49045 | Heath, Jack Lab, The | Pan MacMillan | 2007 | 9780330422314 | Agent Six, the strongest, fastest, most invincible agent in the Deck, is about to live his worst nightmare. Six is the product of an illegal genetic experiment of the Lab's some sixteen years ago. When the Deck begins investigating the Lab, he walks a tightrope between his two worlds. Life spirals out of control and leads to capture, possible torture and revelation. |
| | Heath, Jack Liars series | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 583867 | Heath, Jack Liars: No survivors | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781742761930 | Life had just begun to settle down for Jarli. After his Truth App went viral and set the mysterious crime lord Viper against him, he's been trying to lay low. But when a small plane crashes into one of his schoolmate's house and all of the crew and passengers have disappeared, his life is thrown into chaos once again as he tries to unravel the mystery behind the crash - and protect his life! |

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| 587905 | Heath, Jack Liars: The set-up | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781742993416 | Jarli is attempting to have a normal life, but it's hard when you've created the Truth App, which can tell when someone is lying by analysing their voice. When Jarli and his best friend enter a robobattle, he's approached by government bodyguards for the Minister of Defence. They want Jarli to appear at a press conference to prove the Minister isn't lying but then Jarli is framed for a crime he didn't commit, and someone has hacked the truth app, making it impossible to prove his innocence. Jarli will have to rely on his friends and quick thinking to clear his name and save his life! |
| | Heath, Jack Minutes of danger series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 3503 | Hedley, Joss Wish kin, The | Pan MacMillan | 2009 | 9780330423724 | Fourteen year old, Colm Bell, and his younger sister, Lydia, wake to the smell of smoke and the sound of gunfire as raiders attack their home and their father. They flee to the hills, alone in a hostile landscape, a land without rain and empty cities, where small groups of people live in suspicion. They hear of the Wish Kin, people who may have the power to heal the earth. But, the sinister Clan are tracking the children. |
| 9799 | Heffernan, John Harry's war | Scholastic Australia | 2011 | 9781862919273 | A mystery surrounds Harry's late father, a Vietnam veteran. Grandfather knows but he won't say, and no-one in Harry's family wants to have anything to do with Grandpa. Harry spends a lot of time recording Grandpa's memories of heroic action in World War II. After Grandpa addresses Harry's class at school, the mystery is solved, leaving Harry devastated. Some adult themes and coarse language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 4042 | Heffernan, John Hotaka: a novel | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760113766 | When the tsunami strikes the Japanese coastal town of Omori-wan, the effects are utterly devastating. Three years later, much of what happened on that day is still a mystery and Hotaka finds himself increasingly haunted by memories of his best friend, Takeshi. When strong-willed Sakura initiates a controversial anti-seawall movement, there is danger at every turn for Hotaka and his friends. As the town and its people struggle to rebuild their lives, can Hotaka help Omori-wan look to the future- and can he let go of his past? A powerful and moving story about one boy caught up in the Japanese earthquake and tsunami of 2011. |
| 2937 | Heffernan, John More than gold | Margaret Hamilton | 2000 | 9781876289478 | As thirteen year old Bosnian refugee, Raiko, trains with an Aboriginal mate, Jay, his Olympic dream quickly draws both the local doctor and soccer coach to his side. |
| 9996 | Heffernan, John Pup | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9781876289652 | Against a background of domestic violence and animal cruelty, the strong friendship between a boy and a dog provides a positive outcome for the characters in the story. |
| 21518 | Hehir, Tim Julius & the soul-catcher | Text Publishing Co | 2016 | 9781925240177 | It's 1838 and London is gripped by orchid fever. Charles Darwin's diary turns up in Higgins's bookshop, closely followed by two ex-body snatchers and a peculiar fellow with small teeth. Julius wonders what's in the diary and whether it has something to do with the terrifying painting of an orchid it contains. Before he knows it, Julius is spinning through time and parallel realms in a race to rid London of the soul-catcher and a future too horrible to imagine. |
| 2364 | Hehir, Tim Julius & the watchmaker | Text Publishing Co | 2013 | 9781922079732 | When Julius Higgins isn't running from Crimper McCready and his gang of bullies, he's working in his grandfather's bookshop in Ironmonger Lane. That is, until Jack Springheel, a mysterious clock collector, appears looking for the fabled diary of John Harrison, the greatest watchmaker of all time. Julius becomes a thief and a runaway, and makes a deal with Springheel that he will live to regret. And, all before he finds out that Harrison's diary is really an instruction manual for making a time machine. |
| 399 | Heimann, Rolf Sydney through time | Roland Harvey Books | 1999 | 9780949714671 | A puzzling, historical account of Sydney's history to the year 2000. |
| 16608 | Heinrich, Sally Hungry ghosts | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734409805 | Sarah is experiencing prejudice. She resents fitting in with the Aussie ways while honouring her Chinese traditions. Things become really complicated when Sarah starts hearing the voice of a ghost. Contains language that may offend some readers. |

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| 461 | Heiss, Anita My Australian story: Who am I, the diary of Mary Talence, Sydney 1937 | Scholastic Australia | 2006 | 9781865043616 | Mary is ten when she begins to write in her diary. She documents her life as an Aboriginal child who was taken from her natural parents and raised by a non-Aboriginal foster family. Mary doesn't fit in and starts to question why. |
| 622492 | Heiss, Anita (ed) Growing up Aboriginal in Australia | Black Inc | 2018 | 9781863959810 | What is it like to grow up Aboriginal in Australia? This anthology, compiled by award-winning author Anita Heiss, attempts to showcase as many diverse voices, experiences and stories as possible in order to answer that question. Each account reveals, to some degree, the impacts of invasion and colonisation - on language, on country, on ways of life, and on how people are treated daily in the community, the education system, the workplace and friendship groups. Accounts from well-known authors and high-profile identities sit alongside newly discovered voices of all ages, with experiences spanning coastal and desert regions, cities and remote communities. All of them speak to the heart - sometimes calling for empathy, oftentimes challenging stereotypes, always demanding respect. This groundbreaking anthology aims to enlighten, inspire and educate about the lives of Aboriginal people in Australia today. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 3116 | Hellard, Bernadette & Gibbs, Lisa Netball or nothing | HarperCollins Australia | 2000 | 9780207199608 | Rachel's goal is to play netball for Australia but she has a lot to learn about being a team player. |
| 36907 | Henderson, Don Half the battle | Omnibus Books | 2006 | 9781862916777 | AFL at Port Road High is off to a shaky start. The hardest thing to do is organise a bunch of misfits into a cohesive team. |
| 2488 | Henderson, Don Keepinitreal | Scholastic Australia | 2009 | 9781862917705 | When Kid Kabula decides to ride his bike at top speed through the centre of the local mall, he doesn't realise how dangerous that's going to be. Fats Charvetto, leader of the meanest bikie gang in town, wants to know exactly who knocked him flying. Stevie, the local refundable collector, dobs in the Kid and a turf war starts. |

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| 582929 |  Hendrick, Kate Finder, The | Text Publishing Co | 2018 | 9781925603811 | Since the disappearance of her identical twin sister nine years ago, 16-year-old Frankie has kept her distance from everyone. Despite the years that have passed, she spends her days scanning and searching for her sister. When the police fail to find an 11-year-old runaway, Frankie takes it upon herself to find her. Despite her best attempts to stay out of the public eye, this earns her a reputation as a 'finder'. Enter Elias - an extrovert with an extravagant sense of fashion and endless enthusiasm, who is looking for his birth mother. When Elias offers to employ a cash-strapped Frankie to track down his birth mother, she reluctantly agrees. What follows next is a journey of self-discovery as both Frankie and Elias uncover the things that truly define them. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 689551 |  Henry Jones, Eliza How to grow a family tree | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9781460754955 | Stella may only be seventeen, but having read every self-help book she can find means she knows a thing or two about helping people. She sure wasn't expecting to be the one in need of help, though. Thanks to her father's gambling addiction, Stella and her family now find themselves living at Fairyland Caravan Park. And hiding this truth from her friends is hard enough without dealing with another secret. Stella's birth mother has sent her a letter. As Stella deals with the chaos of her family, she must also confront the secrets and past of her 'other' family. But Stella is stronger than she realises. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 19375 | Herrick, Steven Another night in Mullet Town | University of Queensland Press | 2016 | 9780702253959 | Life for Jonah and Manx means fishing for mullet at the lake, watching their school mates party on Friday night and wishing they had the courage to talk to Ella and Rachel. But, their lakeside town is being sold off and, now, life doesn't seem so simple. Manx holds a grudge against the wealthy blow-ins from the city and Jonah just wants his parents to stop arguing. One memorable night at the lake will change everything. A verse novel. |
| 846121 |  Herrick, Steven How to repaint a life | University of Queensland Press | 2021 | 9780702263156 | With every step down the road, and every bus stop he passes, Isaac moves further from his father and a life of fear. When he is given a chance by a kind cafe owner, Isaac feels he may have a chance at a new life. He decides that he will trade kindness for kindness with those he encounters as a way forward from the cruelty he has left behind. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 2066 | Herrick, Steven Rhyming boy | University of Queensland Press | 2008 | 9780702236730 | Growing up can be problematic but, for Jayden Hayden, life is extremely difficult. He has to cope with a very embarrassing name and a football obsessed mother. When a school father-son day is announced, Jayden's quest for his biological father becomes a puzzle he needs to solve, and quickly. |
| 374 | Herrick, Steven Spangled drongo, The | University of Queensland Press | 1999 | 9780702230950 | Eleven year old Sam Slater is orphaned and lives in a small house with Ronaldo, the soccer dog, Parrot, the parrot and eccentric Aunt Ashmara. He is soccer mad and a poet. |
| 9341 | Herrick, Steven Tom Jones saves the world | University of Queensland Press | 2002 | 9780702233364 | Dumb things become important when you're old, that's what Tom reckons. While living in a guarded, gated community, he meets Cleo, the snake charmer. They break out together to discover things such as a bull that hasn't yet become a hamburger. |
| 7 | Herriot, James All creatures great and small | St Martin's | 1998 | | The life of an English country vet is revealed in the funny and sad situations that James Herriot finds on his rounds. |
| 6493 | Hersey, Lu Deep water | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2015 | 9781409586104 | When her mum suddenly disappears, Danni moves to a tiny Cornish fishing village with her Dad, where the locals treat her like a monster. As the village's dark, disturbing past bubbles to the surface, Danni discovers that she's not who, or what, she thought she was. And, the only way to save her family from a bitter curse is to embrace her incredible, new gift, however impossible it seems. |
| 293 | Hesse, Karen Out of the dust | Scholastic US | 1997 | 9780590371254 | Billie Jo describes the difficulties of rural life in Oklahoma during the dust storms of 1934 and 1935, the brutal reality of her mother's death, her own injuries and her father's illness. Billie Jo's story is dark and intriguing, with a trace of hope. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 4977 | Hesse, Karen Young Nick's head | Simon SCHUSTER | 2001 | 9780689835087 | Young Nick faithfully records the ordinary human achievements that make extraordinary those of the company of the bark, 'Endeavour', on Captain Cook's first epic voyage. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9257 | Hest, Amy When Jessie came across the sea | Walker Books | 1998 | 9780744540871 | Beautifully depicts the migration of Jewish people to the United States. |
| 223 | Heyerdahl, Thor Kon-Tiki expedition, The | Simon SCHUSTER | 1990 | 9780671726522 | The story of a four thousand, three hundred nautical mile expedition by raft across the Pacific Ocean. |
| 3853 | Higgins, Jane Bridge, The | Text Publishing Co | 2011 | 9781921758331 | The city is at war. Southside, the hostiles live in squalor and are hungry to cross the river. Cityside, ISIS is in charge, keeping the hostiles at bay. Nik has spent his life training to join ISIS but, when his college is blown up and his friend kidnapped, he must cross the bridge into hostile territory. Nik and his friends must choose their loyalties in a war that is not as clear as they were brought up to think. Some language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 7945 | Higgins, Jane Havoc | Text Publishing Co | 2015 | 9781922147295 | The city is split in two by warring factions, either side of the river. When Nik saves a stranger from the debris, she keeps repeating the word 'havoc'. As he delves further, Nik uncovers a complex web of power, fear and betrayal that enwraps the city. He also learns more about his parents, finds out who he can trust and is forced to make an impossible choice. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 412 | Higgins, Simon Thunderfish | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9780091839536 | A combat submarine is the secret weapon used by the heir to a shipping empire to rescue refugees in the Coral Sea when they are attacked by pirates. |
| 5318 | Hill, Anthony Animal heroes | Penguin | 2005 | 9780143003809 | Short stories about animals involved in Australian armed conflicts, from WWI to more recent times. The animals display bravery under fire, mateship and loyalty, the same attributes shown by the ANZACs. |
| 12374 | Hill, Anthony Shadow dog, The | Penguin | 2003 | 9780670041138 | From the moment Sebastian is rescued as an abandoned pup, this passionate, feisty dog proves irresistible, even when he fails Obedience School. The story of the mutual devotion of a boy and his dog. |
| 366 | Hill, Anthony Soldier boy : the true story of Jim Martin the youngest Anzac | Penguin | 2001 | 9780141003306 | This is the story of Jim Martin who enlisted in the Australian army at the age of fourteen to fight in World War I. |
| 18271 | Hill, David Gold | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781741669251 | Australia's gold rushes of the nineteenth century produced tremendous wealth and population growth for the struggling Australian colonies. People from all walks of life made the perilous journey to the goldfields, returning either fabulously wealthy or demoralised and broke. It was a time of huge political, social and cultural change. Includes diaries, journals, letters, official reports, newspaper articles of the time. A challenging read. Usually read by students in Years 9,10 or above. |
| 20294 | Hill, Stuart Shield maiden | Bloomsbury | 2016 | 9781472918628 | No enemy may find this place; we hide it in mist and shadow...When King Alfred's great hall is destroyed by the Vikings, the king must flee with his family. But his daughter Aethelflaed knows that hiding in the marshes, far away from the battlefield, is the last thing she wants to do; can she fulfill her destiny and become a warrior princess, a shield maiden? |
| 487 | Hillman, Laura I will plant you a lilac tree | Simon SCHUSTER | 2005 | 9781416910626 | The harrowing, true story of Laura Wolff, a survivor of the holocaust and one of Schindler's women, who lost all her family but found love and friendship during her terrible experience in German concentration camps. Contains adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 45876 | Hillman, Robert & White, Lyn (ed) Malini: through my eyes | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743312551 | In the closing, catastrophic stages of Sri Lanka's civil war, Malini and her sister are separated from their parents, who are forced to act as human shields. Malini and Banni travel inland, through jungles and unsafe territories, seeking refuge with their grandfather in his village. They will need to stay alert for soldiers from all sides and work out who to trust. |
| 153 | Hilton, Nette Ghost of a chance, A | Penguin | 1992 | 9780140387957 | Ann-Marie has to move to rural England and leave her dog, Maudie, behind. As she frets for her dog, Ann -Marie becomes involved with a ghostly story involving a sad child, separated from her dog too. |
| 120067 | Hilton, Nette Sprite Downberry | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2008 | 9780732285487 | Sprite's life is tough. Her Mum is moody, Dad is away a lot and her little brother should be starting school soon but can barely talk properly. When her Dad leaves, Sprite has to make decisions in order to reunite herself and her brother with their dad. |
| 35549 | Hinds, Gareth POE: Stories and poems | Candlewick Press | 2017 | 9780763681128 | Seven of Edgar Allan Poe's most famous and best love stories and poems are collected here in one handsomely illustrated graphic novel for young readers. Poe's classic works have been skilfully adapted to the graphic format in a way that will entrance and terrify a young generation of horror fans without losing their original atmosphere and thought provoking depth. Poems including The Raven are presented in their entirety. |
| 17171 | Hinds, Gareth (adapt) Beowulf: graphic novel | Candlewick Press | 2007 | 9780763630232 | Gareth Hinds' Beowulf is a beautiful graphic novel, with some violent scenarios, remaining true to the classic Norse saga about Beowulf. He tackles a dragon with tragic consequences leaving questions about the real cost of his sacrifice. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9232 | Hinton, S E Rumble fish | Penguin | 2002 | 9780141312538 | Fourteen year old, Rusty-James, runs one of the meanest gangs in his neighbourhood. His reputation remains safe because his brother is the widely-feared Motorcycle Boy, but his brother is a peace-loving loner, unlike Rusty-James. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 18 | Hirsch, Odo Antonio S and the mystery of Theodore Guzman | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9781864484090 | Antonio lives with his parents in the tower of an old house. In the same area lives a recluse actor called Theodore Guzman. Antonio draws him out by presenting a play. In turn, Guzman leads Antonio into the magical world of theatre. |
| | Hirsch, Odo Bartlett series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 4457 | Hoeye, Michael Time stops for no mouse | Penguin | 2003 | 9780141315126 | Hermux, a watchmaker and an unlikely hero, finds himself in a world of danger and intrigue. |
| 3174 | Hoffman, Ernst Nutcracker, The | Dorling Kindersley | 1999 | 9780751371772 | Written in 1816, this is the basis of Tchaikovsky's ballet. In this edition, the classic story of a sinister toymaker and a boy and a girl doll that come to life is presented with beautiful illustrations and detailed historical information. |
| 41986 | Hoffman, Mary Falconer's knot, The | Bloomsbury | 2007 | 9780747589006 | Chiara's family can no longer afford to keep her so she is given to the Poor Clare's nunnery. Silvano has been accused of a brutal murder and must take refuge in the nearby friary. When two more murders occur, Chiara and Silvano attempt to solve the crimes. |
| 471 | Hoffman, Mary Women of Camelot: queens & enchantresses at the Court of King Arthur | Orchard Books | 2000 | 9780864154095 | The stories of nine women of Camelot are illustrated and written in modern language. |
| 660810 | Hofmeyr, David Between, The | Penguin | 2020 | 9780141354484 | Ana Moon's best friend Bea has been taken by someone or something. Ana's world has changed. Her house looks different and her parents are acting weird. This is not her world, she has fallen into another universe. The only person who knows her, the real her, is Malik, a boy she met on the train a few hours ago. The mysterious Malik and his Pathfinder friends offer to help Ana travel across seven different versions of Earth to get Bea back. But it won't be easy as Ana finds herself at the centre of a war to control the multiverse and unlock the seventh world and all of its power. |
| 660617 | Hogan, Jesse and Auteri, Simon and Faulkner, Andrew For cap and country | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9781460752517 | 22 Australian Test players , past and present , talk about the road from their backyards to the baggy green. More than just a chat with the game's best players, (male and female), this is a conversation about Australian cricket. At the heart is the baggy green. This book is about the importance of generosity, sportsmanship, perseverance and community to help achieve personal goals in life, as much as sport. |

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| 580830 | Hoge, Robert Ugly: my memoir | Hachette Children's Books | 2015 | 9780733633942 | Robert Hoge was born with a giant tumor on his forehead, severely distorted facial features, and legs that were twisted and useless. His mother was so horrified she initially refused to look at her son, let alone bring him home. But home he went, to a life that was, against all odds, filled with joy, optimism, and general boyhood naughtiness. Ugly is Robert's account of his life, from his birth to the arrival of his own daughter. It's a story of an extraordinary person living an ordinary life, which given the incredible hardships he had to overcome, is possibly his greatest achievement of all. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 and above. |
| 120061 | Hollingworth, Robert They called me the Wildman | Murdoch Books Australia | 2008 | 9781741960679 | In 1880, Henricke Nelsen, a Swedish migrant, was put on trial and gaoled for vagrancy after hiding for fourteen years in the mountain ranges of Victoria. While in gaol, Nelson wrote his diary describing his life in Sweden, his migration to Australia and the personalities he met along the way. This is a captivating reconstruction of Nelsen's solitary life as told in his prison diary. |
| 2290 | Holm, Anne I am David | Egmont Childrens | 1989 | 9780749701369 | A young boy's journey of survival across Europe following his assisted escape from a concentration camp. |
| 9213 | Holman, David Whale: the play | Heinemann | 1996 | 9780413630902 | A play focusing on the combined rescue of these gentle animals by US and Soviet forces. |
| 2114 | Holohan, Amanda King's fool, The | ABC Books | 2006 | 9780733318863 | Perry Brightfield discovers her true heritage as the saviour of a threatened fantasy realm, and is groomed for her role by becoming a court jester. |
| 285 | Homer Odyssey, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780553897777 | Following the fortunes of Odysseus as he returns from the Trojan Wars, this classic tale from Greek mythology was written almost three thousand years ago. |
| 13230 | Honey, Elizabeth Ballad of Cauldron Bay, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781741142556 | Henni is looking forward to the Easter holiday at Cauldron Bay with her best friend, Zev, and some of the younger kids from Stella Street. She becomes jealous when her beach holiday is invaded by troubled teenager, Tara. |
| 750985 | Honey, Elizabeth From Stella Street to Amsterdam | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781865084541 | When Henni's stubborn old neighbour Willa insists on returning to her childhood home in the Netherlands for a wedding, Henni leaps at the chance to be her travelling companion. 'Lucky duck! Fantastic opportunity!' That's what everyone in Stella Street said. 'Oh boy, chance of a lifetime.' But during the long flight to Amsterdam, Willa reveals to Henni the real reason for her journey: a terrible family secret stretching back to the Second World War. As Henni makes friends with more and more of Willa's relatives, she must decide if they should know the truth. And is that the only mystery? |





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| 130803 | Honey, Elizabeth & Brandt, Heike To the boy in Berlin | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741750041 | Henni and Leo unravel a mystery around the holiday house Henni so enjoyed staying in at Cauldron Bay. Henni finds herself in great danger as she tries to discover what happened to the Schmidt family. Strong language may offend some readers. |
| 10350 | Hook, Jason Roald Dahl: the storyteller | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2004 | 9780750244916 | The fascinating life story of the famous author, Roald Dahl, who has thrilled young readers with his fanciful and imaginative books. Timelines, websites and further reading help paint a complete portrait of the writer, his successes and tragedies. |
| 14405 | Hooper, Mary At the sign of the sugared plum | Bloomsbury | 2003 | 9780747561248 | It is 1665 and Hannah has come from the country to assist her sister in sweet making at the Sugared Plum sweet shop. The plague has also come to London so Hannah's life is now full of dangers as well as the sights and sounds of the crowded city. |
| 32219 | Hooper, Mary By royal command | Bloomsbury | 2008 | 9780747588856 | Lucy works as a serving maid for Dr Dee, court magician and consultant to Queen Elizabeth 1. In return for saving the Queen's life, Lucy is told that she is to work as a spy for Her Grace. When Lucy hears unexplained cries in the house, she suspects Dr Dee of foul deeds to make money and curry favour with the Queen. |
| 29133 | Hooper, Mary Disgrace of Kitty Grey, the | Bloomsbury | 2013 | 9781408827611 | Kitty has a comfortable life as a country milkmaid, working for a rich family in a great house. Life changes when her handsome man vanishes, leaving her with his 5-year-old sister. She is sent on an errand to London, where she is determined to track her man down, but her fate is literally snatched out of her hands and things spiral out of control. |
| 1995 | Hooper, Mary Poppy | Bloomsbury | 2014 | 9781408827628 | Poppy is fifteen, beautiful and clever but, in 1914, society has already carved out her destiny. She will become a servant at the big house. But, Poppy's life is thrown dramatically off course, through a forbidden love then her decision to tend the wounds of injured soldiers at war. As she experiences the best and very worst of humanity, Poppy will find an unexpected freedom and discover how to be truly her own person. |
| 5532 | Hooper, Mary Poppy in the field | Bloomsbury | 2015 | 9781408827635 | When Poppy learns that the love of her life is marrying someone else, she is devastated and volunteers her nursing skills overseas. But, the journey to Flanders is full of horrors, the hospital's Ward Sister is spiteful and the nurses are unfriendly. The dangers of frontline warfare soon make Poppy forget her own troubles and she finds that comfort for a broken heart can be found in the most unexpected places. |

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| 7753 | Hooper, Mary Velvet | Bloomsbury | 2011 | 9780747599210 | Velvet is an orphan who does scalding, back-breaking work in a Victorian steam laundry. She is desperate for a better life. When she is noticed by Madame Savoya, a famed medium, Velvet begins to work for her and is dazzled by the beautiful dresses and jewels. But, she soon realises that Madame is not all that she says she is, and Velvet's life is in danger. Some adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3558 | Hooper, Meredith Race to the pole | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2002 | 9780340785058 | An exciting retelling for younger readers of the desperate Antarctic bids, by Shackleton, Scott and Amundsen, to be first to the South Pole. |
| 9636 | Hopkins, Ellen You I've never known, The | Simon SCHUSTER | 2018 | 9781481442916 | Ariel has only a few small memories of her mother, who ran away years ago. Now aged, 17, she has lived in more towns than she can remember as her dad moves her across the country with alarming frequency. Finally settled with two friends, Monica and Gabe, Ariel wants to stay in one place. She is struggling with her feelings towards both her friends and aims to work out who she really is. On the other side of the country, Maya keeps a diary about her life, having run away from her own abusive mother and into the arms of a much older man, she is pregnant and practically alone. When both these worlds meet, both Maya and Ariel try to make sense of their lives. Usually ready by students in Years 9, 10 & above. |
| 16047 | Horniman, Joanne About a girl | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781742371443 | Anna is afraid she must be unlovable until she meets Flynn. Together, the girls swim, eat banana cake, laugh and love. Some days, Flynn is unreachable. On other days, she's at Anna's door. When Anna discovers Flynn's secret, she wonders if she knows her at all. Includes mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
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| | Horowitz, Anthony Horowitz horror series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 92094 | Horowitz, Anthony Legends: battles and quests | MacMillan | 2010 | 9780330510165 | Some cultures believe there was a time when monsters and dragons roamed the earth and the gods walked among us. A time of blood, swords and furious battles, of legends, heroes, darkness and death, including human sacrifice. Myths and legends from around the world are told in gory and bloody detail. |
| 63528 | Horowitz, Anthony Legends: beasts and monsters | MacMillan | 2010 | 9780330510158 | In the cold, dead eyes of the Banshee, and the hissing, spitting fangs of the Gorgon, in the fiery breath of the dragon and the razor sharp claws of the Sphinx, there is a thirst for blood and a murderous hunger. But, it is a time of heroes and the teeth and claws of these beasts are no match for their lethal blades. |
| 9337 | Horsfield, Alan Rats of Wolfe Island, The | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780734404411 | In this eerie mystery, Eddie Haite becomes involved in monitoring the behaviour of radiation-affected rats on a remote tropical South Pacific island. Their roles appear reversed and the man who runs the lab seems to be going slowly mad. |
| 773 | Horton, Ben Monster republic | Corgi Books | 2010 | 9780552560573 | On a school visit to a nuclear power plant, Cameron Reilly and other students are killed by an explosion, created by a mad scientist to gather more subjects for genetic experimentation. Cameron and the others are physically altered, with scavenged body parts and bionic implants, to create an army of superhuman soldiers. |
| 29754 | House, Silas Eli the good | Candlewick Press | 2011 | 9780763652883 | For ten year old Eli Book, the summer of 1976 threatens to tear his family apart. There's his distant mother, his traumatised Vietnam vet dad, his rebellious sister, his anti-war protesting aunt, and his tough, yet troubled, best friend, Edie. As tempers flare and his father's nightmares rage, Eli watches from the sidelines. But, soon, even he cannot escape the current of conflict. |
| 5194 | Howard, Martin & Stimpson, Colin (ill) How to cook children: a grisly recipe book | ABC Books | 2008 | 9780733323843 | A witty, tongue in cheek cooking manual for witches, with recipes collected from around the world. Each witch presents her method with kids as an ingredient, lots of word play, and cultural and linguistic humour. |
| 249 | Howarth, Lesley Maphead | Walker Books | 2001 | 9780744577716 | Maphead, an alien boy, has the ability to produce maps of anywhere across his face. |
| 274 | Howker, Janni Nature of the beast, The | Walker Books | 1996 | 9780744543506 | A community in Yorkshire, England, devastated by unemployment, has another problem to contend with. An unknown beast is roaming the moors. |
| 9277 | Hughes, Monica Keeper of the Isis light, The | Aladdin Publishing | 2000 | 9780689833908 | A contemporary love story between an Earthling and a resident of the planet Isis. |

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| 4602 | Hughes, Shirley Whistling in the dark | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781406360295 | Thirteen year old Joan's home in Liverpool is under threat from the Nazi's terrifying nightly air-raids. It is not an easy time to be a teenager, with sweet rationing, curfews and blackouts. When Joan encounters an army deserter lurking near their home, he seems to think she can help him. As the Blitz worsens, Joan and her friends make a discovery that will tear the whole community apart. |
| 9266 | Hughes, Ted By heart, 101 poems and how to remember them | Faber FABER | 1997 | 9780140867497 | An anthology for reciters of poetry. |
| 3406 | Hughes, Ted Tigerboy, The | Faber FABER | 1979 | 9780571320622 | A very ordinary boy. Nobody noticed him, he was just like everyone else. But Fred knew he was different. He just didn't know quite how different. And when he did.... Well, what then? |
| 5864 | Hugo, Victor Hunchback of Notre-Dame, The | Penguin Putnam | 2001 | 9780450152788 | The original splendid classic with detailed historical information and beautiful illustrations. The story of Esmeralda, the dark-eyed gypsy beauty and Quasimodo, the hunchbacked, bell-ringer of Notre-Dame. |
| 1144 | Hunt, Des Phantom of Terawhiti | HarperCollins NZ | 2013 | 9781869509545 | Staying with his father on New Zealand's wild remote coast, Zac finds some animal pawprints on the beach. What is the exotic animal that is being hunted and what does the Russian billionaire have to do with this mystery. |
| 23699 | Hunt, Julie Shine Mountain | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760291501 | Before her grandfather dies he shares a tiny concertina button box with the family. The box changes everything; crops die, flowers wilt, a drought spreads over the land and Oma, her grandma, becomes very ill. Ellie decides to get rid the box to save her grandmother. Her journey takes her with a horse and the family goat into the Gleam country. Ellie learns the truth about her gifts and her family. |
| 22034 | Hunt, Leo 13 days of midnight | Orchard Books | 2015 | 9781408337462 | Luke Manchett is 16 years old with a place on the rugby team and the prettiest girl in Year 11 in his sights. Then his estranged father suddenly dies and he finds out that he is to inherit six million dollars! But if he wants the cash, he must accept the Host. A collection of malignant ghosts who his Necromancer father had trapped and enslaved! Now the Host is angry, the Host is strong, and the Host is out for revenge! Has Luke got what it takes to fight these horrifying spirits and save himself and his world? |
| 83493 | Hunt, Paula Outlaw son: the story of Ned Kelly | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742030784 | Described as a kind and gentle man, who was also a bank robber, thief and murderer, Ned Kelly is Australia's most famous bush ranger. |

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| 18625 | Hunt, Paula Shirt front: a short and amazing history of Aussie Rules | Black Dog Books | 2005 | 9781876372668 | From the first bounce to a future timeline and everything in between, including the tallest, the shortest, the best and fairest, this book covers just about everything you would ever want to know about the game of Aussie Rules. |
| 17612 | Hyde, Lily Dream land | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406307658 | All her life, Safina's parents have dreamed of returning to Grandpa's native village in Crimea. But, exchanging their sunny Uzbekistan house for a squalid camp is more like a nightmare for twelve year old Safi. She wonders whether this strange land can ever become home. A compelling story about the Crimean Tatars' struggle to reclaim the land from which they were exiled in the Second World War. |
| 12590 | Hyde, Michael Footy dreaming | Ford Street Publishing | 2015 | 9781925000993 | Ben and Noah play in opposing teams in a footy-obsessed town. They each dream of playing on 'The G' and this is their make or break season. When an ugly sledging incident occurs in a match, Ben and Noah's worlds intersect and a fledgling friendship develops. But, their friendship seems impossible as Noah faces racial prejudice and Ben must decide whether to reject the racism, which is even coming from his own family. |
| 1102 | Ibbotson, Eva Dragonfly pool, The | Pan MacMillan | 2014 | 9781447265658 | Twelve-year-old Tally, a thoughtful child, deeply loved by her father and two aunts, attends Delderton, a progressive boarding school. At the cinema, Tally learns about the small country of Bergania, whose King refuses to bend to Hitler's demands. So, when Delderton is invited to Bergania, Tally insists they attend. In Bergania, the children witness the king's assassination and must help young prince Karil escape to safety. |
| 2421 | Ibbotson, Eva Journey to the River Sea | Pan MacMillan | 2001 | 9780330397155 | Miss Minton and Maia are sailing to the city of Manaus, a thousand miles up the mighty Amazon river. Maia, a lonely orphan, is excited to be starting a new life with relatives she's never met. Mysterious Miss Minton has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. But years of living in the jungle have sent Maia's uncle and aunt slightly mad and their twin daughters are definitely not like normal children. |
| 660549 | Iggulden, Conn and Iggulden, Hal Double dangerous book for boys, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780008332983 | Read this book if you like short chapters, facts, activities and quizzes. Whether it is building a flying machine, discovering the world's greatest speeches, doing maths puzzles, learning sign language, reading quotes from Shakespeare or mastering the Rubik's cube, this book has it all and more. |
| 90186 | Ivanoff, George Gamers' quest | Ford Street Publishing | 2009 | 9781876462864 | Inhabitants of a video game world, Tark and Zyra, are plunged into adventures involving dragons, princelings, magic, robots and laser weapons. Outside, as teenagers John and Tina, their lives are almost as exciting as they must help to save their world. |



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| 579453 |  Jackson, Andy Music our bodies can't hold | Hunter Publishers | 2017 | 9780994352880 | What use is music your body can't hold, that can't take you from this world? Each of these poems is a portrait of someone with or reputed to have had Marfan Syndrome. Many of the poems emerge out of personal interviews, while others are portraits of public figures: Abraham Lincoln, Akhenaten, Mary Queen of Scots, Edith Sitwell, Niccolo Paganini, John Tavener, Sergei Rachmaninov, and Robert Johnson, among others. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 & above. |
| 116 |  Jackson, Livia Bitton Elli: coming of age in the Holocaust | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1983 | 9780812963274 | Ellie's recount of harrowing experiences in a concentration camp. Taken at thirteen years of age, from her beautiful home and imprisoned in Auschwitz and Dachau as part of Hitler's final solution, she emerges a year later, looking like a sixty year old. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 28126 |  Jacobson, Megan Yellow | Penguin Books Australia | 2016 | 9780143573333 | Kirra's so-called friends bully her, her mother has taken to alcohol ever since her dad left them for another woman and, now, a teenage ghost is speaking to her through a broken phone booth. Kirra and the ghost make a pact. She'll prove who murdered him almost twenty years ago if he makes her popular, gets her parents back together, and promises not to haunt her. But, things aren't so simple and Kirra realises that people can be haunted in more ways than one. Mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 33477 | Jacobson, Sid & Colon, Ernie (ill) 9/11 report, The: a graphic adaptation | Hill WANG | 2006 | 9780809057399 | The United States was completely unprepared for the shocking act of terrorism when hijacked planes flew into New York's twin towers on 11 September 2001. This is a graphic representation of The 9/11 Report, which gives the background to the attack and analyses the response of the federal agencies involved. |
| | Jacques, Brian Redwall series | | | | Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series. |
| 18555 |  Jamal, Nadia & Chandab, Taghred Glory garage, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781741146493 | A collection of stories about young women's experiences and dilemmas growing up as Lebanese Muslims in Australia. Humorous and empathetic insight into one of our diverse cultural groups, explaining customs and breaking down stereotypes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 7310 | James, Lauren Quiet at the end of the world, The | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406375510 | After a virus caused global infertility, Lowrie and Shen are the youngest people on the planet. Now spending their days in a small, ageing community in London mudlarking and looking for treasure, they suddenly uncover a secret that threatens humankind. Lowrie and Shen must decide what they are willing to sacrifice to save the human race. |

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| 7059 | Jarls, Moonie (Wilf Reeves) & Wandi (Miller, Olga) (ill) Legends of Moonie Jarl, The | Indigenous Literacy Foundation | 2014 | 9780992478049 | The book tells the stories of the Butchulla people, the Indigenous people of Fraser Island and the Fraser Coast, Queensland. Published in 1964, it was the first Aboriginal children's book to be published and was written and designed by Butchulla siblings Moonie Jarl (Wilf Reeves) and Wandi (Olga Miller), both of whom have since passed away. The Legends of Moonie Jarl gives a deeper understanding and appreciation of Butchulla culture among the broader community, and contributes to community pride locally. |
| 693055 | Jasinska, Alicia Dark tide, The | Penguin | 2020 | 9781760894726 | Lina lives in a world where her city must give a sacrifice each year to the neighbouring witches. This year Lina's sweetheart has been selected and will die in the sacrifice. In an attempt to save him Lina offers herself instead. What follows is a race against time to convince the witches to find another sacrifice. Will Lina succeed and what happens when Lina's starts to question her love? |
| 825533 | Jean, Emiko Tokyo ever after | MacMillan | 2021 | 9781509899999 | Izumi Tanaka has never really felt like she fit in--it isn't easy being Japanese American in her small, mostly white, northern California town. Raised by a single mother, it's always been Izumi--or Izzy, because "It's easier this way"--and her mom (and her trusty terrier sidekick, Tamagotchi) against the world. But then Izzy discovers a clue to her previously unknown father's identity...and he's none other than the Crown Prince of Japan. Which means outspoken, irreverent Izzy is literally a princess. |
| 2924 | Jeffrey, Belinda One long thread | University of Queensland Press | 2012 | 9780702238925 | Ruby and Sally Moon are twins with very different. personalities. When divorce splits their family, and Sally moves with their mother to the Northern Territory, Ruby holds on to the thought that one day her family will be complete again. But, when tragedy strikes wrapping Sally in a cocoon from which she might never escape, Ruby learns that love is never simple but one of the many tangled branches in her family tree. Includes some mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2055 | Jenkins, Martin & Riddell, Chris (ill) Jonathan Swift's Gulliver | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406301748 | A retelling of Gulliver's imaginative and wickedly funny voyages to unusual lands. This edition of the classic has detailed, historical information and beautiful illustrations. Occasional distasteful themes are true to the original text. Also see Gulliver's travels by Jonathan Swift, PRC ID 36630. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 355 | Jennings, Gael & Harvey, Roland Sick as: bloody moments in the history of medicine | Roland Harvey Books | 2000 | 9780949714688 | Fascinating historical aspects of medicine presented in an unusual and exciting format. |

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| 1704 | Jennings, Paul Fisherman and the theefyspray, The | Puffin Australia | 1995 | 9780140377262 | The theefyspray is a mythical and nearly extinct creature whose fate is in the hands of the fisherman. A beautifully illustrated and complicated story about issues of conservation, age and youth. |
| | Jinks, Catherine City of orphans trilogy series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9338 | Jinks, Catherine Eglantine: a ghost story | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741146585 | Allie and her family move into a new home. The last thing they expect is an unwanted guest. But Bethan's room seems to be inhabited by a ghost who writes on the walls. Layers of paint, experts on psychic phenomena and Feng Shui don't help. |
| 122 | Jinks, Catherine Eye to eye | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140384444 | Jansi, a feral boy, and the computerised intelligence of a crashed spaceship make an unlikely pair in this story, set after the apocalypse. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 149 | Jinks, Catherine Future trap, The | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141305097 | Paula is kidnapped and taken five thousand years into the future where humans are referred to as ""it"" and reduced to the status of laboratory rats. |
| 298 | Jinks, Catherine Pagan's crusade | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9781741752311 | Set in 1187, Pagan is the young squire for a knight in Jerusalem, fighting in the Crusades. |
| 3878 | Jinks, Catherine Paradise trap, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742375748 | When Marcus goes on a boring holiday to the beach, things quickly become much more interesting when he discovers his smelly old caravan has a hidden cellar, filled with amazing fantasy worlds. |
| 2107 | Jinks, Catherine Saving Thanehaven | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743317747 | Imagine if you discovered your whole world was actually in a computer. Noble is a knight who must fight everything he encounters in his quest to reach the castle and free the princess. But he's tired. Rufus comes along and turns his world upside down with his own ideas about how to get ahead: don't play by the rules. Suddenly, life is more interesting - and less painful - than ever before. But the new rules are harder to live by than the old ones. |

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| 756904 | Johnson, Leah You should see me in a crown | Scholastic US | 2020 | 9781761121753 | Liz Lighty has always believed she's too black, too poor, too awkward to shine in her small, rich, prom-obsessed midwestern town. But it's okay - Liz has a plan that will get her out of Campbell, Indiana, forever: attend the uber-elite Pennington College, play in their world-famous orchestra, and become a doctor. But when the financial aid she was counting on falls through, Liz's plans come crashing down . . . until she's reminded of her school's scholarship for prom king and queen. There's nothing Liz wants to do less than endure a this whole horrific process, but despite her devastating fear of the spotlight she's willing to do whatever it takes to get to Pennington. The only thing that makes it halfway bearable is the new girl in school, Mack. She's smart, funny, and just as much of an outsider as Liz. But Mack is also in the running for queen. Will falling for the competition keep Liz from her dreams . . . or make them come true? |
| 18471 | Jones, Allan Frewin Talisman: the tears of Isis | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340882245 | Olly and Josh are travelling in Egypt with Olly's father, Professor Christie, in search of the precious talismans of the moon. Danger, however, lurks in the shadows. Josh and Olly must outwit whoever is trying to get there first. |
| 1141 | Jones, Diana Wynne Charmed life | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2001 | 9780007118519 | Everyone says that Gwendolyn Chant is a gifted witch with astonishing powers, so it suits her enormously when she is taken to live in Chrestomanci Castle. Her brother, Eric, better known as Cat, is not so keen for he has no talent for magic at all. |
| 2353 | Jones, Diana Wynne Islands of Chaldea, The | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2014 | 9780007549207 | Aileen is convinced she'll never become as magical as her Aunt Beck. But when her wise woman aunt is set a seemingly impossible rescue mission, Aileen soon realises she might be more special than she thought. |
| 2650 | Jones, Diana Wynne Lives of Christopher Chant, The | HarperCollins US | 1998 | 9780688163655 | Christopher's destiny, by virtue of his possession of nine lives, is to be the next Chrestomanci, a position of awesome magical responsibility, but he rebels against it. |
| 286 | Jones, Diana Wynne Ogre downstairs, The | HarperTrophy | 2002 | 9780064473507 | When a new stepfather, the ogre to the stepchildren, gives chemistry sets to both sets of children in the house, magic things start to happen. |
| 7805 | ⦿ Jones, V M Buddy | HarperCollins NZ | 2002 | 9781869504311 | Josh appears a typical teenager, resentful of his parents' divorce and dad's new girlfriend. Despite a crippling fear of the water, he learns to swim so that he can take part in the Iron Kid Triathlon, Sensitive treatment of mental retardation. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 15523 | Jones, V M Serpents of Arakesh, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2004 | 9781869504779 | Abandoned as a baby, Adam feels there is nowhere he really belongs. When he wins the chance to test-drive a top-secret computer game, his luck changes. But, in the world he enters, the boundary between fantasy and reality breaks down. |
| 82334 | ⦿ Jones, V M Shooting the moon | HarperCollins NZ | 2006 | 9781869506216 | At fourteen, Pip's life is finally his own. His domineering dad is focusing on big brother, Nick, and Pip's climbing, his passion in life, is going one way up. Beneath the tranquil surface, however, currents are stirring. On the traditional McLeod first hunting trip, Pip faces a dramatic choice and discovers what it means to confront issues of life and death. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 1080 | ⦿ Jonsberg, Barry Being here | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742373850 | Sixteen year old Carly is interviewing Leah Cartwright for her local history project. Leah resists, determined to tell her own story of a lonely child on an isolated farm, whose only escape is in the world of books. Carly is drawn into the story about Leah's present, past, secrets, an unlikely boy who changes everything, and a rich imagination that rescues her from a grim reality. Includes some violence and adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 25101 | ⦿ Jonsberg, Barry Ironbark | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741149555 | A sixteen year old boy struggles with a serious condition, his sudden and violent temper triggered by situations of conflict or frustration in every day life. To avoid gaol, he must engage in strategies for anger management, including going to stay with his grandfather in an isolated Tasmanian forest. The road is hard and not always successful but the bond between them grows. Contains coarse language that may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5714 | Jonsberg, Barry Song only I can hear, A | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760630836 | Introducing Rob Fitzgerald: thirteen years old and determined to impress the new girl at school, but it's a difficult task for a super-shy kid who is prone to panic attacks that include vomit, and genuine terror that can last all day. An anonymous texter is sending Rob challenges and they might just help. Or not. |
| 45264 | ⦿ Jonsberg, Barry Game theory | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760290153 | Jamie is a sixteen year old maths whiz. His wild, older sister, Summerlee, has dropped out of school. Tensions at home run high. With Jamie's help, Summerlee wins millions in a lottery and cuts all ties with the family. But, money can cause big trouble. When their younger sister is kidnapped for a ransom, Jamie thinks he can use game theory, the strategy of predicting an opponent's actions, to outfox the kidnapper and get Phoebe back. It's a very risky strategy. Mature themes and language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 4250 |  Jordan, Sophie Reign of shadows | HarperCollins US | 2017 | 9780062377654 | Seventeen years ago, an eclipse cloaked the kingdom of Relhok in perpetual darkness. In the chaos, an evil chancellor murdered the king and queen and seized their throne. Luna, Relhok's lost princess, has been hiding in a tower ever since. Luna's survival depends on the world believing she is dead. But that doesn't stop Luna from wanting more. When she meets Fowler, a mysterious archer braving the woods outside her tower, Luna is drawn to him despite the risk. When the tower is attacked, Luna and Fowler escape together. But this world of darkness is more treacherous than Luna ever realized. With every threat stacked against them, Luna and Fowler find solace in each other. But with secrets still unspoken between them, falling in love might be their most dangerous journey yet. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 & above. |
| 684601 |  Joy, Amanda River of royal blood, A | Penguin Random House Australia | 2019 | 9780525518587 | Born a princess but with a magick so frightening no-one can teach you how to use it. Born into a world that you could one day rule as queen, however to do so you will need to fight your sister in a battle to death. This is Eva's life. if she is to be Queen she needs to master her dangerous magick and kill her sister or be killed herself. Will her mother the Queen support her or her sister, will her absent father be her ally or her sister's? Can Eva trust the strange fairy hunter who has offered to tutor her in her magick and who is the khimaer prince who has appeared to 'protect her' and what can she do about her growing feelings towards him. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 93311 | Kadohata, Cynthia Cracker: the best dog on the battlefield | Simon SCHUSTER | 2007 | 9781847380609 | Cracker works for the US army and the fate of the entire platoon rests on her senses to detect bombs, traps and the enemy. |
| 28875 | Kadohata, Cynthia Million shades of grey, A | Simon SCHUSTER | 2010 | 9781847388230 | Thirteen year old Y-Tin is an elephant trainer. His life revolves around Lady and the other elephants in their small herd. But, this is Vietnam in 1975 and, now that the American forces are gone, the North Vietnamese threaten the Dega people of the Central Highlands. When the feared attack comes, Y-Tin is captured. He must risk his life and save his elephants by fleeing into the jungle. |

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| 774372 | Kagawa, Julie Iron raven, The | Harlequin | 2021 | 9781867208327 | Robin Goodfellow. Puck. Prankster, joker, raven, fool, King Oberon's right-hand jester from A Midsummer Night's Dream. The legends are many, but the truth will now be known as never before, as Puck finally tells his own story and faces a threat to the lands of Faery and the human world unlike any before. With the Iron Queen Meghan Chase and her prince consort, Puck's longtime rival Ash, and allies old and new by his side, Puck begins a fantastical and dangerous adventure not to be missed or forgotten. Filled with myths and faery lore, romance and unfathomable dangers, |
| 27475 | Kagawa, Julie Shadow of the fox | Harlequin | 2018 | 9781489267368 | Every millennium, one age ends and another age dawns...and whoever holds the Scroll of a Thousand Prayers is able to call the great Dragon God from the sea and be granted one wish. The time is near and the pieces of the Scroll are desperately sought by those who would demand ultimate power. A humble, peasant girl holds the first scrap of the Scroll, a girl with a dangerous secret. Demons have burned Yumeko's home to the ground, killing the master who trained her to hide and use her kitsune shape-shifting powers. She escapes the temple and is thrust into the path of a mysterious samurai, Kage Tasumi of the Shadow Clan. Yumeko realises quickly that he is under orders to find the scroll she carries...and to kill anything or anyone in order to do so, but she needs his help. Will her tricky kitsune ways be enough to keep her safe? A wish will be granted and a new age will dawn. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3391 | Kalkipsakis, Thalia Lifespan of starlight | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2015 | 9781742978710 | In a world where everything is monitored and controlled, the ability to time travel intrigues three teenagers. As they experiment to enhance the ability within themselves, they discover a few limitations. They can only go into the future and then must return to exactly the same spot. Perfecting their skill places them and others in extreme danger, the least of which is being discovered by the authorities. |

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| 812781 | Kamaleddine, Samera Half my luck | HarperCollins Australia | 2021 | 9781460760222 | Layla Karimi has been cursed by the evil eye. Well, that's what Layla's superstitious grandmother tells her. And Layla reckons it makes sense as she's sort of Australian and sort of Lebanese: a 'halfie' who doesn't really fit into either world. And when all hell breaks loose at the first beach party of the summer, Layla finds herself caught between her friends and the Lebanese kids who call themselves 'the Cedar Army' (of which her cousin Sufia is the Queen Bee). One group has been wrongfully accused and Layla knows the truth that would clear their name. But will she speak up? |
| 2793 | Kamara, Mariatu & McClelland, Susan Bite of the mango | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741757750 | By thirteen, Mariatu had experienced rape, genital mutilation, an unwanted pregnancy and witnessed the horrors of war in Sierra Leone. Both her hands were amputated when she was captured by rebel soldiers. Her honest and unembellished account of her life is inspiring with its hope for a better future and the great love that the survivors share. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 84290 | Kane, Kim Pip: the story of Olive | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741751192 | Olive Garnaut is in Year 7 and likes things in pairs. But, even with her own perfectly symmetrical family, birthday and bedroom, Olive has only ever felt half. How extraordinary, then, that her twin sister, Pip, appears one day. But, Pip is visible only to Olive. |
| 9158 | Kane, Kim When the lyrebird calls | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781741758528 | When Madeleine is shipped off to stay with her eccentric grandmother for the holidays, she expects the usual: politics, early-morning yoga, extreme healthy food, and lots of hard work. Instead, Madeleine tumbles back in time to 1900, where the wealthy Williamson family takes her into their home, Lyrebird Muse. At a time when young girls have no power and no voice, set against a backdrop of the struggles for emancipation, federation and Aboriginal rights, Madeleine must find a way to fit in with the Williamson family's four sisters - beautiful, cold Bea; clever, awkward Gert; adventurous, rebellious Charlie; and darling baby Imo - as she searches desperately for a way home. Meanwhile, the Williamson girls' enchanting German cousin, Elfriede, arrives on the scene on a heavenly wave of smoke and cinnamon, and threatens to shatter everything... Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 27687 | Kane, Kim & Roberts, Marion Cry blue murder | University of Queensland Press | 2013 | 9780702239267 | Celia and Alice share their secrets, hopes and increasing horror via email about the killer on the loose, abducting schoolgirls just like Celia. As the police scramble to investigate, who can the teenage girls trust. |

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| 30767 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Kasmer, Elizabeth Becoming Aurora | University of Queensland Press | 2016 | 9780702254208 | Sixteen year old Rory (Aurora) is at the crossroads in her life. While her gang plans its next move in a racially motivated turf war, Rory refuses to reveal their names and takes the rap for an attack on the local immigrant community. She is sentenced to community care in an aged care facility. There, she meets resident and ex-boxer Jack, an encounter that leads her to Essam, a young migrant boxer, who will challenge her prejudices and force her to address the mistakes of her past. Some violence. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 750938 | Kate O'Donnell This One is Ours | University of Queensland Press | 2020 | 9780702260285 | Sixteen-year-old Sofie is a dreamer, an artist and a romantic. So when she goes on exchange to Paris, she is expecting magnificent adventures of the heart and mind. Yet France isn't what she imagined. Her host sister, Delphine and fellow artist Olivier show her a different side of Paris and Sofie starts to question her ideas of art, beauty and meaning. What can one girl do? Will Sofie be able to find the courage to fight for change? |
| 616957 | Kaufman, Amie & Kristoff, Jay Aurora rising | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760295738 | The year is 2380, and the graduating cadets of Aurora Academy are being assigned their first missions. Star pupil Tyler Jones is ready to recruit the squad of his dreams, but his own boneheaded heroism sees him stuck with the dregs nobody else in the Academy would touch. And Ty's squad isn't even his biggest problem. That'd be Aurora Jie-Lin O'Malley, the girl he's just rescued from interdimensional space. Trapped in cryo-sleep for two centuries, Auri is a girl out of time and out of her depth. But she could be the catalyst that starts a war millions of years in the making, and Tyler's squad of losers, discipline-cases and misfits might just be the last hope for the entire galaxy. |
| 16160 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Kaufman, Amie & Kristoff, Jay Gemina: Illuminae Files, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925266573 | Hanna, the commander's pampered daughter, and Nik, the reluctant member of a crime family, are struggling with life aboard the space station. When an elite strike team invades, Hanna and Nik are thrown together to defend their home from alien predators. And, there's a malfunction in the station's wormhole. Soon, Hanna and Nik are fighting to survive. The fate of everyone on the Hypatia, and possibly in the known universe, is in their hands. Mature read. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 4083 | ☉ Kaufman, Amie & Kristoff, Jay Illuminae: Illuminae Files, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760113803 | When their planet, Kerenza, is attacked by an unknown enemy, Kady and Ezra are separated and evacuate in different space ships. A deadly virus is spreading in one ship, the lead ship's computer has gone rogue and the enemy is close. Through long distance communication, Kady and Ezra try to find out what went wrong. As gamers, hackers and video geeks, they have great skills but reconciling their hearts, amidst machines and software, proves much more difficult. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5874 | ☉ Kaufman, Amie & Kristoff, Jay Obsidio: Illuminae Files, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781925266726 | Kady, Ezra, Hanna, and Nik narrowly escaped with their lives from the attacks on Heimdall station and now find themselves crammed with 2,000 refugees on the container ship, Mao. With the jump station destroyed and their resources scarce, the only option is to return to Kerenza, but who knows what they will find seven months after the invasion? With time running out, a final battle will be waged on land and in space, heroes will fall, and hearts will be broken. Usually read in years 9, 10 or above. |
| 587814 | ☉ Kaufman, Amie & Spooner, Meagan Undying | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760292164 | Mia and Jules are desperate to warn their home planet about the impending invasion from the Undying. They escape the Undying's ancient spacecraft, crash land back on Earth managing to avoid being killed, only to find that no one will believe them about the alien threat in orbit. When they realise that no one is going to take them seriously, they must take things into their own hands. All they need to do is escape the powerful International Alliance, avoid being killed by aliens, prevent a horrific plague, while racing across Europe to save the people they love...no pressure. Mature themes, Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above. |
| 8935 | ☉ Kaufman, Amie & Spooner, Meagan Unearthed | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760292157 | When Earth intercepts a message from a long-extinct alien race, it seems like the solution the planet has been waiting for. For Jules Addison the discovery of an alien culture offers unprecedented opportunity for study... as long as scavengers like Amelia Radcliffe don't loot everything first. Mia and Jules' different reasons for smuggling themselves onto Gaia put them immediately at odds, but after escaping a dangerous confrontation with other scavvers, they form a fragile alliance. In order to penetrate the Undying temple and reach the tech and information hidden within, the two must decode the ancient race's secrets and survive their traps. But the more they learn about the Undying, the more their presence in the temple seems to be part of a grand design that could spell the end of the human race...Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |





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| | Kaufman, Amie and Kristoff, Jay Clarice Bean picture books series | | | | Spunky 12-year-old Clarice Bean Tuesday and her adventures at home and at school! Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 750972 | Kaufman, Amie and Spooker, Meagan Other side of the sky, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780062893338 | On a planet with two moons there is the Below and the Skyland. Goddess of the Below is Nimhara and Prince of the Skyland is North. When North loses control of his glider and falls from Alciel to the Below, he is sure he will die. However, for Nimh, his arrival sparks certainty that he represents her destiny. And did we mention the cat? You're going to love the cat. |
| 7345 | Kazerooni, Abbas Boy with two lives, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781743314838 | Having fled conscription and survived time alone in Istanbul, ten year old Abbas arrives in England to start a new life. His troubles have only just begun. Abbas' violent cousin sends him to boarding school, where he blossoms. But, Abbas is threatened with deportation and forced to work at night to repay his cousin. At thirteen, Abbas is homeless. But, he is determined to survive and continue his education. Based on true events. |
| 19277 | Kazerooni, Abbas On two feet and wings | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781743311059 | It is the time of the Iran Iraq war and nine year old Abbas must urgently leave Tehran, because the army has lowered the recruiting age to eight. With his parents forced to remain in Iran, Abbas is alone in Istanbul, with minimal funds and no Turkish language, waiting for a visa to England. He relies on his intelligence, gut instincts and resilience to survive his dire circumstances. A memoir. |
| 18514 | ⦿ Keaney, Brian Jacob's ladder | Orchard Books | 2006 | 9781843627210 | Jacob wakes up in a field unable to remember anything but his name. Why is he there, how can he get home? An intriguing story, raising issues about life after death, hopes and dreams. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 14397 | Keil, Melissa Incredible adventures of cinnamon girl, The | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2014 | 9781742978307 | Year 12 is finished. Some students can't wait to escape their small town, others don't want to leave. Alba is unsure whether to pursue her drawing talents or stay working in the bakery. When Domsday enthusiasts flock to the town to survive an apocalypse, Alba's childhood heartthrob, Daniel, arrives. Compared to figuring out her heart, Armageddon might be the least of her problems. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 106 | Keith, Lois Different life, A | The Women's Press | 1999 | 9780704349469 | A swim in the sea results in Libby catching an infection which paralyses her legs and leads to a different life. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 18685 | Kelleher, Victor Dogboy | Penguin | 2005 | 9780143003571 | Dogboy is born and abandoned as a gift to the mountains. Raised by a dog, he is shunned by the village he lives in. His extraordinary gifts must be used for him to realise his dreams. |
| 1551 | Kelleher, Victor Earthsong | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140380026 | The earth appears safe again and must be recolonised but strange relationships have evolved and our futuristic Adam and Eve face many new dangers. Their computerised companions are wonderful, inspiring, resourceful and very funny. |
| 250 | Kelleher, Victor Master of the grove | Puffin USA | 1998 | 9780317696349 | After their home is destroyed in an attack, Derin's father is missing and Derin travels across the world to look for him. His quest leads him into the conflict between the people of the mountains and the people of the plains. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 300 | Kelleher, Victor Papio | Penguin | 1991 | 9780140320442 | The dramatic story of two children who rescue Papio and Upi, male and female baboons, from an experimental research station in Central Africa, only to find freedom brings problems for the animals and themselves. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 301 | Kelleher, Victor Parkland | Penguin | 1996 | 9780140378924 | Parkland is an enclosure that houses humans and human-ape hybrids. They are controlled by vicious creatures called leopards. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 404 | Kelleher, Victor Taronga | Penguin | 1988 | 9780140326314 | Ben comes upon Taronga Zoo which seems unaffected by a nuclear holocaust, or is it? Ben and his Aboriginal friend, Ellie, are aware that decisions they make may have huge implications for the future. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 456 | Kelleher, Victor Where the whales sing | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140344936 | Claire and her father encounter a storm in which a whale overturns their boat and Claire, with an injured knee, is left to fend for herself. |

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| 27363 | Kellerman, Faye & Aliza Prism | HarperCollins US | 2009 | 9780061905667 | Nothing is the same for Kaida, Zeke and Joy after the accident. They return to their ordinary lives but the world has ceased to make sense. Perhaps this world, with no hope and no cures, is not their world at all. The nightmare begins. They must rely on their own resourcefulness to identify what the problem is and then how to solve it, or they could be trapped in the nightmare forever. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 129366 | Kelly, Darryl Just soldiers | ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee QLD Incorporated | 2004 | 9780958162548 | Stories of ordinary Australians doing extraordinary things during the Great War, 1914-1918. In 1914, Australia had a population of fewer than 5 million, yet 300,000 from all walks of life volunteered to fight. Through these stories, based on fact, the author has endeavoured to capture the essence of those who served Australia. As in life, not all were heroes. |
| 611360 | Kemmerer, Brigid Curse so dark and lonely, A | Bloomsbury | 2019 | 9781408884614 | It's a tale as old as time, but not quite as we know it...Prince Rhen of Emberfall has been cursed to repeat the autumn of his eighteenth year until a girl falls in love with him- a challenge made all the more difficult when he transforms into a bloodthirsty monster hell-bent on destruction. Harper's life has been far from a fairytale- her mother is dying, her father has disappeared and she and her brother have resorted to a life of crime in Washington, DC to try to repay the debts their father created. Despite her intelligence and determination, she's used to being overlooked because of her cerebral palsy. When she's pulled into the magical world of Emberfall, she's quick to ensure she's taken seriously- but will she be willing to help break the curse in this modern retelling of Beauty and the Beast? |
| 1153 | Kennedy, Mariah (ed) Reaching out, messages of hope | HarperCollins Australia | 2013 | 9780733331923 | Children around the world have very different experiences of family and potential. Through poems, illustrations, novel excerpts and short stories 28 of the very best children's authors convey the obstacles that many face and strive to overcome with varying levels of success. Conceived and edited by a fifteen year old Australian school girl, this book demonstrates the power of the individual in making a difference. |
| 9049 | Kenrick, Joanna Tears of a friend | Evans Bros | 2008 | 9780237535254 | Cassie and Claire are best friends and do everything together. But, Claire always likes things her way. Cassie's fed up and now they've fallen out. They must find a way to mend the rift. |



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| 593283 | Kernot, Sharon Art of taxidermy, The | Text Publishing Co | 2018 | 9781925603743 | Lottie collects dead creatures and lovingly cares for them, hoping to preserve them, to save them from disintegration. Her father understands - Lottie has a scientific mind, he thinks. Her aunt wants it to stop, and she goes to cruel lengths to make sure it does. And her mother? Lottie's mother died long ago. And Lottie is searching for a way to be close to her. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| | Kerr, P B The children of the lamp series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 53291 | Khan, Rukhsana Jameela | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781742372594 | Jameela lives with her family in a war-torn village in Afghanistan. Life is hard but when her mother dies and her father remarries, Jameela has to face a greater horror. To survive she draws on the strong sense of self that her mother gave her. Based on the story of an actual devout Muslim girl and life in post-Taliban Afghanistan. |
| 833219 | Khanani, Intisar Theft of sunlight, The | Hot Key Books | 2021 | 9781471410376 | When her best friend's sister is snatched, Rae is determined to find answers. She travels to the royal court and unexpectedly begins serving the new princess. This alliance draws her deep into a dangerous quest for answers about the Snatchers. As each strand of the web is unravelled, Rae slips further into danger. |
| 204 | Kidd, Diana I love you, Jason Delaney | HarperCollins Australia | 1996 | 9780207189876 | Alison finds herself dealing with the death of her Auntie Mim and the change in her relationship with her best friend, Katie. When she falls in love with Jason, life begins to get very complex. |
| 291 | Kidd, Diana Onion tears | HarperCollins Australia | 1990 | 9780207170287 | Nam-Huong escaped from Vietnam and lost her grandfather on the long terrible voyage. She finds it hard to release her pent up grief, until her teacher falls ill. |
| 60 | Kilworth, Gary Bronte girls, The | Egmont Childrens | 1995 | 9780749726928 | A father keeps his family locked in a time warp, away from the 20th century. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |



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| 15864 | Kinsella, Sophie Finding Audrey | Doubleday | 2015 | 9780857534590 | Following a bullying incident at school, Audrey can't leave the house. She can't even take off her dark glasses inside the house. When her brother's friend, Linus, stumbles into her life, his friendly smile and funny notes gradually entice Audrey outside the house. With therapy and Linus' help, Audrey begins to feel she can do the things she'd thought were too scary. Finding her way back to the real world might just be achievable. |
| 218 | Kipling, Rudyard Jungle book, The | Wordsworth Editions Ltd | 2002 | 9781853261190 | In this classic story, Mowgli, the human child lost in the jungle, escapes the vicious jaws of the growling tiger, Shere Khan, and is adopted by Father Wolf and the pack. Lovable old Baloo the Bear and Bagheera the Panther teach Mowgli the law of the jungle and his extraordinary adventures begin. |
| 220 | Kipling, Rudyard Kim | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141183633 | Kim is an eleven year old Irish boy who is orphaned and lives amongst the poor on the streets in India. |
| 2724 | Kirk, Brett & Kirk, Hayley S Brave heart: lessons learnt from life | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742753256 | After playing two hundred and forty-one games for his beloved Sydney Swans, Brett Kirk played his final game of AFL in 2010. Many know him as the courageous co-captain who helped his team win the grand final in 2005. What many people don't know is how he came to be such a tireless captain, honest teammate and admired role model, in both life and sport. Brett with his wife, Hayley, speaks about his life, and the challenges and triumphs that made him. |
| 751062 | Kisner, Adrienne Six angry girls | St Martin's | 2020 | 9781250253422 | Raina Petree is crushing her senior year, until her boyfriend dumps her, the drama club (basically) dumps her, the college of her dreams slips away, and her arch-nemesis triumphs. Things aren't much better for Millie Goodwin. Her father treats her like a servant, and the all-boy Mock Trial team votes her out, even after she spent the last three years helping to build its success. But then, an advice columnist unexpectedly helps Raina find new purpose in a pair of knitting needles and a politically active local yarn store. This leads to an unlikely meeting in the girls' bathroom, where Raina inspires Millie to start a rival team. The two join together and recruit four other angry girls to not only take on Mock Trial, but to smash the patriarchy in the process. |

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| 8 |  Klein, Robin All in the blue unclouded weather | Penguin | 1992 | 9780140349825 | A collection of interlinked stories set in the late 1940s in an Australian country town which focus on the four young Melling sisters. Each story links the girls and their friends together in a variety of domestic events and problems. The stories present a nostalgic feel for the post-war years. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 68 |  Klein, Robin Came back to show you I could fly | Puffin Australia | 1998 | 9780140342543 | Eleven year old Seymour meets Angie, who is older and beautiful, a dream girl. Seymour is unaware that Angie is a drug addict. Their friendship, and the revelation of this secret, changes both their lives. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3308 |  Klein, Robin People might hear you | Puffin Australia | 1993 | 9780140366297 | An arresting story about a strange and sinister religious sect called The Temple and how Frances discovers its secrets. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 406 | Klein, Robin Tearaways | Penguin | 1992 | 9780670832125 | Ten stories of different people who might be best avoided! Conniving characters that come in all shapes, sizes and disguises. |
| 12521 | Kloester, Jennifer Rapunzel dilemma, The | Penguin | 2014 | 9780143571087 | Lily's had a charmed life and is off to London to pursue her dream of becoming a great actor. But, Lily finds that things don't always go her way at the London Drama Academy. Lily's got a secret that she's not sure how to handle. A room in one of the deserted towers makes a perfect refuge but Lily can't stay locked away forever. When she meets the mysterious Ronan Carver, everything starts to change. |
| 751215 |  Klune, T J Extraordinaries, The | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2020 | 9781473693050 | In Nova City, there are the Extraordinaries - Shadow Star: a protector who can manipulate darkness in his quest to protect those who cannot protect themselves. His arch-nemesis is Pyro Storm: an Extraordinary capable of controlling fire who is bent on bringing Nova City to its knees. And then there's 16 year old Nicholas Bell: who isn't Extraordinary in the slightest. He's Shadow Star's number one fan, writing fan fiction of their adventures together. Too bad ADHD isn't a superpower, otherwise Nick would be golden. Instead of stopping villains, Nick must contend with starting his junior year, a father who doesn't trust him, and a best friend named Seth, who may or may not be the love of Nick's short, uneventful life. It should be enough. And it is...until a fateful encounter with Shadow Star forces Nick to realize his true destiny. He's tired of being ordinary, and he'll do whatever it takes to become something more. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 723786 | Klune, T J House in the cerulean sea, The | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781250217318 | Linus Baker leads a quiet, solitary life. As a Case Worker at the Department in Charge Of Magical Youth, he spends his days overseeing the well-being of children in government-sanctioned orphanages. When Linus is summoned by Extremely Upper Management he's given a curious and highly classified assignment: travel to Marsyas Island Orphanage, where six dangerous children reside: a gnome, a sprite, a wyvern, an unidentifiable green blob, a were-Pomeranian, and the Antichrist. Linus must set aside his fears and determine whether or not they're likely to bring about the end of days. But the children aren't the only secret the island keeps. Their caretaker is the charming and enigmatic Arthur Parnassus, who will do anything to keep his wards safe. As Arthur and Linus grow closer, long-held secrets are exposed, and Linus must make a choice: destroy a home or watch the world burn. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 1118 | Knox, Elizabeth Mortal fire | Gecko Press | 2013 | 9781877579530 | Sixteen year old Canny has always been a little different and able to see something 'Extra'. When she joins her stepbrother to research a strange coal mine disaster, Canny discovers an enchanted valley with children who can perform a strange type of magic. With the help of the alluring Ghislain, Canny starts to untangle the mysteries of the valley, only to find out that its secrets are hers, too. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 660512 | Kondo, Marie and Uramoto, Yuko (ill) Life-changing manga of tidying up, The | Pan Macmillan London | 2017 | 9781529028355 | Marie Kondo presents the fictional story of Chiaki, a young woman in Tokyo who struggles with a cluttered apartment, messy love life, and lack of direction. After receiving a complaint from her attractive next-door neighbor about the sad state of her balcony, Chiaki gets Kondo to take her on as a client. Through a series of entertaining and insightful lessons, Kondo helps Chiaki get her home, and life, in order. This insightful, illustrated case study is perfect for people looking for a fun introduction to the KonMari Method of tidying up, as well as tried-and-true fans of Marie Kondo eager for a new way to think about what sparks joy. Featuring illustrations by award-winning manga artist Yuko Uramoto, this book also makes a great read for manga and graphic novel lovers of all ages. |
| 1445 | Kostakis, Will First third, The | Penguin Books Australia | 2013 | 9780143568179 | Bill's traditional Greek grandmother is very ill and leaning on him to resolve some family problems that are worrying her. Bill walks the family tightrope to clear the family of some problems. |

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| 34592 | ⦿ Kostakis, Will Sidekicks, The | Penguin Books Australia | 2016 | 9780143309031 | The swimmer, the rebel and the nerd. Ryan, Harley and Miles live different lives, have different interests and keep different secrets. All they have in common is their shared, best friend, Isaac. They were his sidekicks. But, now, Isaac has gone. A mature and challenging book. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 30755 | Kowitt, H N Loser list, The | Scholastic US | 2011 | 9780545240048 | Danny Shine is in year seven. He isn't the most popular guy at school but he manages to stay out of trouble. That is, until Danny discover his name is on the Loser List in the girls' bathroom. When he gets caught trying to cross his name off the loser, Danny is sent to detention. He thought he had problems before but detention places him in a whole new world of trouble. |
| 8175 | ⦿ Kristoff, Jay Dev1at3 | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760295714 | Lemon Fresh has seen better days. After the climactic battle in Babel, she finds herself separated from Ezekiel and Cricket in the wastelands. Lemon's abilities to manipulate electricity mark her as a deviate, and deadly corporate operatives are hunting her to use as a weapon in the war between BioMaas Incorporated and Daedelus Technologies. Instead, Lemon finds herself falling in with a group of fellow deviates-a band of teenagers with astonishing abilities, led by an enigmatic figure known as the Major, who may hold the secrets to Lemon's past. Meanwhile, Cricket find himself in possession of the puritanical Brotherhood, a religious cult set for a head-on collision with the Major and his band. Searching for Lemon, Ezekiel finds a strange ally in an old enemy, and uncovers a plot that may see him reunited with his beloved Ana. And inside Babel, a remade Eve hatches a plan to bring an end to the world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 23691 |  Kristoff, Jay Lifelike3 | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760295691 | <p>On an island junkyard beneath a sky that glows with radiation, a deadly secret lies buried in the scrap. Seventeen-year-old Eve isn't looking for trouble--she's too busy looking over her shoulder. The robot gladiator she spent months building has been reduced to a smoking wreck, she's on the local gangster's wanted list, and the only thing keeping her grandpa alive is the money she just lost to the bookies. If she's ever had a worse day, Eve can't remember it. Her discovery of a handsome android named Ezekiel--called a "Lifelike" because they resemble humans--will bring her world crashing down and make her question whether her entire life is a lie. With her best friend Lemon Fresh and her robotic sidekick Cricket in tow, Eve will trek across deserts of glass, battle unkillable bots, and infiltrate towering megacities to save the ones she loves...and learn the truth about secrets of her past. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p> |
| | Kristoff, Jay Lifelike3 series | | | | <p>Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.</p> |
| 660694 |  Kritzer, Naomi Catfishing on CatNet | Pan MacMillan | 2019 | 9781250165084 | <p>I know quite a lot about people. Let's start with you. Obviously, I know where you live. I know where you are right now. I know where you buy your clothes and where you eat for lunch. I know what all your fandoms are, who your OTPs are and where you wish you could go on vacation. Lots of people have gadgets that pretend to be an AI. Those gadgets are listening all the time, day and night to everything people say around it. They're not really AIs. But if they listen to you, then so can I. I know you all so well. And sometimes... Sometimes I wish somebody knew me.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p> |

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| 774375 | Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl Dr Karl's little book of climate change science | ABC Books | 2021 | 9780733341298 | How is carbon dioxide related to climate change and what can we do to help the Earth? Dr Karl explains how we can help to reduce emissions and who the major players are in the changes taking place in our world. Companies and governments have known about the impacts of carbon dioxide on our planet for years, but what steps have they taken to reduce the carbon our atmosphere holds? The answers to these questions and many more can be found in this easy to read text giving us insight into climate change science! |
| 660485 |  Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl Dr Karl's random road trip through science | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780733340321 | Dr Karl is on a mission to track down Awe and Wonder in the Universe. Why do wombats poo cubes? Do fish drink water? What nearly destroyed humanity on Halloween 2015? How do you use an incinerating toilet? Find out why we've sent a spacecraft with Dr Karl's name on it to kiss the Sun, whether cannibalism is nutritious, how birds fly when they're asleep and much more. So strap in and get ready for a random ride through everything, from atoms to rogue planets and everything in between, including the Big Question - why does spaghetti always break into three parts? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 13752 | Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl Dr Karl's short back & science | Pan MacMillan | 2015 | 9781743533345 | Settle in for some cutting-edge scientific snippets and comb through some of the greatest scientific conundrums of our age. Find out what's killing half the bacteria on Earth every two days, why mole rats don't get cancer, why scientists are running around naked in the Antarctic, how a toilet seat helped to end the First World War, and lots, lots more. |
| 751129 |  Kruszelnicki, Dr Karl Dr Karl's surfing safari through science | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780733340338 | Dr Karl is surfing the Universe for all that's gnarly, awesome, weird and wonderful. Why is sharpening a pencil in space a risky business? What makes a sunset red and not blue? How far would the Earth's viruses reach if you laid them end to end? Which animal grows an anus every time it needs to poo? Find out how spiders can fly and count, whether 5G networks are safe, why we're running out of sand, and the answer to the Question on Everyone's Lips - how to make the best coffee. Plus loads more, including pop-up Karl holograms! So take a surfing safari with Dr Karl and get ready to Hang Ten - or wipe out. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 18325 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Kuijer, Guus Book of everything, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9781741147513 | Thomas escapes from hypocrisy and domestic violence with wild imaginings and sightings of Jesus. A deeply moving story of a Dutch family, ruled by a violent, bible-wielding father, who survive because of a special child and some very, strong women. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 4174 | Kurlansky, Mark Battle fatigue | Bloomsbury | 2011 | 9781408826911 | A teenager is conscripted into the Vietnam War. He has to decide whether he will go, or whether he will dodge the draft by seeking asylum in Canada. The story also considers the effects of earlier wars on other members of the family and their influence on the younger characters. |
| 581451 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Kwaymullina, Ambelin & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel Catching Teller Crow | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760631628 | Nothing's been the same for Beth Teller since she died. Her dad, a detective, is the only one who can see and hear her - and he's drowning in grief. But now they have a mystery to solve together. Who is Isobel Catching, and what's her connection to the fire that killed a man? What happened to the people who haven't been seen since the fire? As Beth unravels the mystery, she finds a shocking story lurking beneath the surface of a small town, and a friendship that lasts beyond one life and into another. Told in two unforgettable voices, this gripping novel interweaves themes of grief, colonial history, violence, love and family. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 9245 | L'Engle, Madeleine Young unicorns, The | Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc | 1980 | 9780440999195 | The Austin family find themselves endangered by the Alphabat gang's evil use of lasers. |
| 21660 | LaFleur, Suzanne Eight keys | Penguin | 2011 | 9780141342030 | Elise's life takes a turn for the worse. She's bullied at school and now feels embarrassed by her best friend, Franklin, who's decidedly uncool, and she's struggling to cope with new arrivals in her home. Elise receives a mysterious key left for her by her father. A key that unlocks one of the eight doors upstairs in the barn. As Elise begins to unlock her past, she starts to realise that she can take control of her future. |
| 37085 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> LaFleur, Suzanne Love, Aubrey | Penguin Books Australia | 2009 | 9780141327129 | After her father and younger sister die in a car accident, Aubrey's mother can't cope and abandons her. Aubrey goes to live with her grandmother in Vermont and finds solace in gran's love. When her mother reappears, Aubrey must decide whether to return home or stay. Highly emotive, requiring a mature reader. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 682622 | ✿ Lai, Thanhha Butterfly yellow | University of Queensland Press | 2019 | 9780702262890 | There are steps that must be done, and once done, another step awaits. The last step, after six years of minute planning by her grandmother, is a bus ride away. In A-ma-ri-lo her baby brother has to be waiting. In her imaginings, he is always waiting. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 48626 | Laird, Elizabeth Kiss the dust | Pan MacMillan | 2017 | 9781509826728 | Kiss the Dust is the compelling story of the flight of a Kurdish family fleeing Iraq. Twelve year old Tara tells the tale as her family rush into the mountains carrying everything they can. As refugees, they struggle through camps always wondering what will come next, where will they go and how they will settle as a family again. Tara's life is turned upside down as she struggles with the pressures of helping manage a myriad of problems. |
| 9202 | Laird, Elizabeth Leopard trail | Pan MacMillan | 1999 | 9780330371483 | when his family moves to Africa, Tom has mixed emotions until he spots a regal leopard outside his house. He quickly joins his new friends as they try to save the animal from being shot. |
| 41719 | ○ Laird, Elizabeth Little piece of ground, A | MacMillan | 2003 | 9780330437431 | Karim and his seventeen year old brother, Jamal, live with their family in Ramallah, Palestine under Israeli military occupation. During the war, Karim meets Hopper, a teenager living in a refugee situation and, together, they fight to claim a little piece of ground for their sporting matches. Yet, even this is claimed by Israeli tanks and the boys experience a fight for their lives. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 4728 | Lanagan, Margo Yellowcake | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742374789 | Ten fanciful short stories offer vibrant snapshots of life. Each story is unique, covering a range of time periods and places, with weird and wonderful characters. |
| 88054 | ○ Landman, Tanya Apache: girl warrior | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406303315 | Siki rises to the rare position of girl-warrior in an Apache tribe. She witnesses the horrors of the Indian wars against the Mexicans and the invading White Eyes. A sometimes violent and very honest story of courage, integrity, betrayal, love, hope and despair as Siki struggles to belong and learns the truth of her own story. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 78863 | ○ Landman, Tanya Goldsmith's daughter, The | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406307078 | As an Aztec maiden, Itacate is destined to a lifetime of submission and domestic drudgery until the Spanish invaders come and violently turn her world of savage blood sacrifices and cultural boundaries upside down. Her strength of character, great skill in her father's profession and her love for a young invader help her endure tragedy and hardship in a harsh adult world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 39587 | Landman, Tanya Hell and high water | Walker Books | 2016 | 9781406366914 | In eighteenth century Devon, Caleb, travels with his father, living off the earnings from their Punch and Judy show. When his father is wrongly arrested for stealing and transported to the Colonies, Caleb is left alone. After a desperate journey in search of an aunt he's never met, he receives a strange, cold welcome. Then, a body washes up on the nearby beach and Caleb is caught up in a terrifying net of lies and intrigue. Soon, he and his new family are in mortal danger. |
| | Landy, Derek Skulduggery Pleasant series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 807 | ☉Lange, Erin Butter | Bloomsbury | 2013 | 9780571294404 | Butter is overweight and he knows it. He is unpopular at school and sits alone at lunch. Then he decides to eat himself to death live over the net. Suddenly he is the centre of attention with the coolest group at school - he knows it is only because of his site but he is no longer alone. Will he go through with his dare and will his new found 'friends' let him or make him. Contains mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 45280 | Langrish, Katherine Dark angels | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2009 | 9780007214891 | Thirteen year old Wolf is escaping from the abbey which has been his home and prison for the last eight years. Scrambling up over the wild and haunted ridge known as Devil's Edge, he has a strange encounter and the creature he discovers will change his life for ever. |
| 660618 | ★Langton, Marcia Welcome to Country schools edition | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2019 | 9781741176667 | Written by one of Australia's most prominent Indigenous voices, Welcome to Country is essential reading for every young Australian. The chapters cover prehistory, post-colonial history, language, kinship, knowledge, art, performance, storytelling, native title, the Stolen Generations, making a rightful place for First Australians and looking to the future for Indigenous Australia. This book is for the new Australian generations and works towards rectifying the wrongs of this country's past. You will quickly appreciate how lucky we are to be the home of the world's oldest continuing civilisation -- which is both diverse and thriving in Australia today. |
| 5101 | ☉Larkin, John Ghost byte | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780091829407 | Brendan finds himself accompanied by a ghost who communicates through his computer, further complicating his adolescent life. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 10879 | ● Larkin, John Pause, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9780857981714 | Declan seems to have it all, a loving family, friends he's known for years and a beautiful girlfriend. But, something in Declan's past just won't go away and he makes the only decision he thinks he has left. As the train approaches and Declan teeters at the edge of the platform, two versions of his life are revealed to him. One moment. One pause. One whole new life. A challenging, confronting read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 373 | Larkin, John Spaghetti legs | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1993 | 9780091827472 | A funny story about Eric, who is a "loser" and has no luck with girlfriends. |
| 12375 | Lasky, Kathryn & Lee, Paul (ill) Voice of her own: the story of Phillis Wheatley, slave poet, A | Candlewick Press | | 9780763628789 | Born in Africa around 1753, Phillis Wheatley was kidnapped and shipped as a slave to America. Her family, her name and her language were taken from her. Phillis's first poem was published when she was fourteen years old. |
| 43482 | Lauren, Ruth Prisoner of ice and snow | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408872758 | Valor is under arrest for the attempted murder of the crown prince. Her parents are outcasts from the royal court, her sister is banished for theft of a national treasure, and now Valor has been sentenced to life imprisonment at Demidova, a prison built from stone and ice. But that's exactly where she wants to be. For her sister was sent there too, and Valor embarks on an epic plan to break her out from the inside. No one has escaped from Demidova in over three hundred years, and if Valor is to succeed she will need all of her strength, courage and love. If the plan fails, she faces a chilling fate worse than any prison. |
| 567936 | ● Laurence, Matthew Freya | St Martin's | 2018 | 9781250144188 | Sara Vanadi, AKA Freya, the Norse goddess of love, beauty, war and death, finds herself combating the evil corporation, Finemdi, who are trying to entice the ancient gods and goddesses, seduce them with new powers and then use their godly strengths to achieve greatness in a modern world. Sara dedicates herself to fighting the evil company but she has to learn the ways of the new world first. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 & above. |
| 578986 | ● Lawrence, Hayley Inside the tiger | Penguin | 2018 | 9780143788959 | When she is asked to get involved in a social issue of her own choice, as part of a school project, Bel chooses to write to an Australian boy who is a prisoner on death row in Thailand. When he writes back, she learns more about the controversial issue of capital punishment but her involvement puts her at odds with her politician father and everyone else who loves her. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 29073 | Lawrence, L S Eagle of the east | Omnibus Books | 2007 | 9781862917071 | Ardavan is a young Parthian soldier whose mother was a Roman. After the disastrous Battle of Carrhae, many Roman soldiers lie dead on the battlefield and the survivors must serve Parthia as mercenaries. Able to communicate with both sides, Ardavan is raised to a special position where he and the beautiful Shara must survive in a world of intrigue and plots. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 54045 | Lawrence, L S Escape by sea | Omnibus Books | 2008 | 9781862917699 | Sara, a strong and resourceful young woman, escapes with her father from Carthage by sea to face the hostile Roman navy and pirates. The naval tactics, medicine and international relations of the third century, and the insights into trades such as jewellery and sword-making, are an exciting backdrop to their perilous voyage and the political intrigue they encounter. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 49947 | Lawrence, L S Horses for King Arthur | Scholastic Australia | 2011 | 9781862919198 | Alexa, the headstrong teenage daughter of a landowning family in 475 England, dreams of breeding fine horses. When she meets Artorius, a boy who dreams of victory, fighting the barbarians from horseback, Alexa finds allies to help extricate herself from her mother's plans. She finds herself in an uncertain, bloodthirsty world, where life has little value when measured against power and wealth. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3296 | Lawrinson, Julia Before you forget | Penguin Books Australia | 2017 | 9780143574071 | Year Twelve is not off to a good start for Amelia. Art is her world, but her art teacher hates everything she does; her best friend has stopped talking to her; her mother and father may as well be living in separate houses; and her father is slowly forgetting everything. Even Amelia. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 8902 | Lawson, Henry & Davis, Oslo (ill) Henry Lawson Treasury | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9780857985132 | Henry Lawson, one of Australia's most famous writers, was known as the 'Poet of the People', Lawson's writing captures life in the Australian bush and the hardships and everyday lives of ordinary Australians in the 1800s. Lawson's stories and poems are full of the drama and often absurd humour that characterised life in the Australian outback in the early years of our nation. |
| 55251 | Lawson, Sue After | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742031125 | CJ was one of the popular, cool kids at his old school. Now, everything has changed. He is known as Callum, banished to the country to live with grandparents he has never met and who don't seem to want him there. Things are no better at school but worse still is the secret that Callum carries with him night and day. |

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| 105136 | Lawson, Sue Finding Darcy | Black Dog Books | 2008 | 9781742030234 | When Darcy Abbott is sent to live with her surly grandmother and her silent great-grandmother, she finds the silences and secrets at home, and the name calling and bullying at school, hard to endure. A school project sets her on a search for the truth about her great-grandfather, Darcy Charles Fletcher, one of hundreds of prisoners of war who died when the Montevideo Maru was sunk in World War II. |
| 8981 | Lawson, Sue Freedom ride | Black Dog Books | 2015 | 9781925126365 | Fifteen year old Robbie knows bad things happen in Walgaree. But, it's nothing to do with him. The Aborigines have always been treated this way. In 1965, racial tensions are at boiling point and something is headed to Walgaree that will blow things apart. Robbie must take a stand. Nothing will ever be the same. Based on true events in Australia when university students drew attention to racism and segregation. |
| 45928 | Lawson, Sue Pan's whisper | Black Dog Books | 2011 | 9781742032061 | Pan Harris is brash, loud and damaged. Ordered into foster care, Pan is full of anger at her mother who abandoned her and her older sister who kept her from her father. Pan is certain that she knows the reality of her past until she meets Hunter, the boy who understands her story better than anyone else. He may be the key to unlocking the truth of Pan's memories but that would mean breaking her most important rule. Never. Trust. Anyone. |
| 1976 | Lawson, Sue You don't even know | Black Dog Books | 2013 | 9781922179715 | Alex Hudson is a good guy. He plays water polo, has a part-time job and does okay at school. Alex's life is made hell by his constantly baiting brother and awful father, with nobody to back him up, not even his own mother. Then the thing that anchors Alex is ripped away and his life seems pointless. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| | Le Guin, Ursula Earthsea series, The | | | | Beautifully written series, with complex and intricate plots in a plausible fantasy world. Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the Series lists for individual book titles. |
| 15402 | Le Guin, Ursula Gifts | Orion | 2004 | 9781842551073 | Orrec discovers he has inherited a power that he cannot control. It is the gift of undoing. His best friend Gry has the gift of calling animals. This is a story of friendship and problem-solving in an exciting and imaginary land. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 689108 | Leaver, Kate Good dog | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9781460758892 | This is a book for anyone who has loved a dog and known their love in return. It uses real life situations to show how a dog can improve our mental and physical health as well as our quality of life. With each story, it becomes more and more obvious how dogs can support us, comfort us and even save our lives. Drawing on science, research and in depth personal interviews, this book demonstrates that the dog-human bond is the most extraordinary cross-species friendship on the planet. |
| 119818 | Lee, Harper To kill a mockingbird | Hachette Children's Books | 1988 | 9780446310789 | In the 1930s in Alabama, a black man is charged with the rape of a white girl. The explosion of racial hatred that follows is viewed through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, whose father, Atticus, defends the man. The conscience of a town, steeped in prejudice, violence and hypocrisy, is pricked by Atticus' stamina as he struggles for justice. Some adult themes; usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 625618 | Lee, Mackenzi This monstrous thing | HarperCollins US | 2015 | 9780062382788 | In 1818 Geneva, men built with clockwork parts live hidden away from society, cared for only by illegal mechanics called Shadow Boys. Two years ago, Shadow Boy Alasdair Finch's life shattered to bits. His brother, Oliver - dead. His sweetheart, Mary - gone. His chance to break free of Geneva -lost. Heart-broken and desperate, Alasdair does the unthinkable: He brings Oliver back from the dead. But putting back together a broken life is more difficult than mending bones and adding clockwork pieces. Oliver returns more monster than man, and Alasdair's horror further damages the already troubled relationship. Then comes the publication of Frankenstein and the city intensifies its search for Shadow Boys, aiming to discover the real life doctor and his monster. Alasdair finds refuge with his idol, the brilliant Dr. Geisler, who may offer him a way to escape the dangerous present and his guilt-ridden past, but at a horrible price only Oliver can pay... |
| 34160 | Lee, Tony & Hart, Sam (ill) Excalibur, the legend of King Arthur (graphic novel) | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406321593 | Arthur Pendragon frees the enchanted sword, Cliburn, from its rocky sheath and fights to save his kingdom from King Ulric. When Arthur marries Guinevere, Merlin the magician, agrees to help Arthur forget his true love, Vivianne, the Lady of the Lake. The legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table unfolds dramatically in this action-packed, graphic novel. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |




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| 2164 | Lee, Tony & Hart, Sam (ill) Messenger: the legend of Joan of Arc | Walker Books | 2014 | 9781406336153 | You may have heard of Joan of Arc. She had a short but inspirational life, fighting for freedom during the One Hundred Years War between France and England. She was a farm girl who became the leader of an army of men. Joan had an unflinching faith in God and in herself, and was prepared to risk everything for freedom and independence. She became the patron saint of France. |
| 9258 | Lemieux, Michele Stormy night | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9781876631031 | While a storm rages outside, a young girl ponders some of life's big questions. |
| | Lerangis, Peter Seven wonders series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 16791 | ⦿Lever, Casey Headgames | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781741663532 | Steven's obsession with Avery leads him into what seems to be a childish game. It is, in fact, a very dangerous game. The players include Steven's unsuspecting friend, Tala, Connor, who is rumoured to have been in juvenile detention and may be a dealer, and his sister, Jade, a very hostile goth, and Avery. Their journey of self-realisation has unexpected outcomes. Mature themes and strong language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 6301 | ⦿Levine, Gail Carson Ever | HarperCollins US | 2009 | 9780061229626 | When Kezi's mother's life is threatened, her father bargains with Admat, god of oaths, to spare her. He is unprepared for the consequences, that he must sacrifice Kezi, instead. Kezi finds hope in Olus, the Akkan god of the wind, who loves her and determines to save her. Together, they face seemingly insurmountable trials but, if both succeed, they will become immortal. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 6985 | ⦿Levine, Gail Carson Fairest | HarperCollins US | 2008 | 9780060734107 | Aza must save the kingdom of Ayortha and hopefully, win the love of the handsome prince. Possessed with a beautiful singing voice and an unusual gift, but bereft of popular beauty, Aza has been hidden in the shadows until she is drawn into palace intrigue by a jealous, insecure queen. An important lesson in true beauty and self-acceptance with all the treachery of Snow White. |

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| 587873 | Levithan, David Someday | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9780525636595 | For as long as A can remember, life has meant waking up in a different person's body every day, forced to live as that person until the day ended. A always thought there wasn't anyone else who had a life like this. But A was wrong. There are others. A has already been wrestling with powerful feelings of love and loneliness. Now comes an understanding of the extremes that love and loneliness can lead to -- and what it's like to discover that you are not alone in the world. In Someday, David Levithan takes readers further into the lives of A, Rhiannon, Nathan, and the person they may think they know as Reverend Poole, exploring more deeply the questions at the core of Every Day and Another Day: What is a soul? And what makes us human? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 12535 | Levy, Joel & Hancock, James How to be a world explorer: your all-terrain training manual | Lonely Planet Publications | 2012 | 9781743214091 | This book will teach you everything you need to know to venture through all the landscapes on Earth as well as through the air, over the seas and under the waves. Soon you'll have no excuses - get out there and explore! |
| 846200 | Levy, Joshua S Seventh grade vs the galaxy | Carolrhoda Books | 2019 | 9781728423098 | PSS 118 is just your typical school, except that it is a rickety old spaceship orbiting Ganymede, a moon of Jupiter. Jack's dad used to be the science teacher, until he got fired for tinkering with the ship. Now Jack wants to get through the last day of school without anything going wrong.. But when the school is mysteriously attacked, Jack discovers that his dad has built humanity's first light speed engine and given Jack control of it. Jack catapults it hundreds of light years away and right into the clutches of the first aliens humans have ever seen. School hasn't just got out, it has gone clear across the galaxy. Now it is up to Jack and his friends to get everyone home. |
| 34682 | Lewis, Gill Story like the wind, A | Oxford University Press | 2017 | 9780192758958 | A small boat drifts on the sea. Far from home, the people inside have lost everything. But at their boat spins slowly on the rising sea, they share a song and a story. A song that keeps their hope alive in their hearts. A song of freedom and a story like the wind. |
| 3037 | Leyden, Paula Butterfly heart, The | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406327922 | In Zambia, time is running out as Bul-Boo and Madillo try to work out a way to save their friend, Winifred, from a terrifying fate. In desperation, they ask the advice of Ifwafwa, the snake man, who promises to think about the problem. Ifwafwa is wise and has a gift with snakes, but he does not like to hurry and Bul-Boo becomes impatient. Some adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 4596 | Leyson, Leon Boy on the wooden box, The | Simon SCHUSTER | 2013 | 9781471119675 | Beginning in rural Poland, Leon Leyson's family's horrendous journey was similar to thousands of others, but what set his fate apart was his father's chance employment in the factory of Oskar Schindler, who is credited with saving up to 1200 Jews. The youngest person on Schindler's list, Leon describes how, despite the deprivation of food, clothing and general living conditions, this provided a small flicker of hope. |
| 3628 | Liao, Jimmy Sound of colors, The: a journey of the imagination | Time Warner | 2006 | 9780316939928 | A young girl who is going blind sets out on a journey determined to beat the loss of her sight. In her imagination she does amazing things and goes to fabulous places in her quest to gain what she has lost. |
| 4809 | Lim, Rebecca Afterlight | Text Publishing Co | 2015 | 9781925240498 | Since her parents died, Sophie Teague's life has fallen apart. She's just enrolled at a new high school, hoping for a fresh start. But, Eve, a beautiful ghost, starts making terrifying nightly appearances, wanting Sophie to be her hands, eyes and go-to girl to tie up loose ends. Dealing with the dead might just involve the greatest sacrifice of all. Dark, thrilling and unrelentingly eerie. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 622523 | Lim, Rebecca Astrologer's daughter, The | The High street publishing company | 2019 | 9780648468608 | Avicenna Crowe's mother, Joanne, is an astrologer with uncanny predictive powers and a history of being stalked. Now she is missing. The police are called, but they're not asking the right questions. Like why Joanne lied about her past, and what she saw in her stars that made her so afraid. But Avicenna has inherited her mother's gift. Finding an unlikely ally in the brooding Simon Thorn, she begins to piece together the mystery. And when she uncovers a link between Joanne's disappearance and a cold-case murder, Avicenna is led deep into the city's dark and seedy underbelly, unaware how far she is placing her own life in danger. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 768333 | Lim, Rebecca Tiger daughter | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760877644 | Wen Zhou is told she's lucky. Lucky to be living in Australia. Wen doesn't feel lucky when her dad doesn't let her go to birthday parties and controls everything she and her mum do. Her salvation is her close friend Henry. However when tragedy strikes Henry's family, how will Wen find a way to support him, whilst still achieving her own dreams. |

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| 566592 | Lim, Rebecca & Kwaymullina, Amberlin (ed) Meet me at the intersection | Fremantle Press | 2018 | 9781925591705 | Meet Me at the Intersection is an anthology of short fiction, memoir and poetry by authors who are First Nations, People of Colour, LGBTQIA+ or living with disability. The focus of the anthology is on Australian life as seen through each author's unique, and seldom heard, perspective. With works by Ellen van Neerven, Graham Akhurst, Kyle Lynch, Ezekiel Kwaymullina, Olivia Muscat, Mimi Lee, Jessica Walton, Kelly Gardiner, Rafeif Ismail, Yvette Walker, Amra Pajalic, Melanie Rodriga, Omar Sakr, Wendy Chen, Jordi Kerr, Rebecca Lim, Michelle Aung Thin and Alice Pung, this anthology is designed to challenge the dominant, homogenous story of privilege and power that rarely admits "outsider" voices. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 2135 | Lindelauf, Benny & Nieuwenhuizen, John (trans) Nine open arms | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743315859 | The Boons, a large, motherless family, are always on the move. Their father, a dreamer, takes risks that never pay off. When the family moves to an isolated house, Fing and her sisters sense the house and adjacent cemetery have a macabre past. They defy their strong-tongued grandmother to explore the cellar and a curious hole in the hedge. The house has its secrets and, somehow, they are linked to the family. |
| 2978 | Lindstrom, Eric Not if I see you first | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2016 | 9780008146344 | Just because she's blind, Parker Grant refuses to be treated differently or badly. They are the Rules and no second chances. Just ask Scott, who broke her heart. When he suddenly reappears in her life, Parker shuns him completely. She has enough on her mind, including dealing with her dad's recent death. But, avoiding her past proves impossible. As Parker learns what really happened, both with Scott and her dad, the more she questions if things are always as they seem. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 27495 | Ling, Kate Loneliness of distant beings, The | Little, Brown CO | 2016 | 9781510200166 | Seren longs to have the sunshine on her skin. But, when you're floating through space at thousands of kilometres an hour, you have to accept there are things you cannot change. But, when Dom arrives in her life, he changes everything and, for a while, he becomes the Sun for her. Being with him flaunts every rule designed to keep their home in order but to lose him would be like losing herself. In the end, they must decide what is most important, loyalty to the only home they've ever known or to each other. |
| 3048 | Lisson, Deborah My story: the Yankee whaler, the diary of Thomas Morris | Scholastic Australia | 2001 | 9781865044385 | Thomas Morris thinks something mysterious is going on in Bunbury. The telegrams he delivers carry cryptic messages and strangers are acting in odd ways. Tom writes down his exciting adventures as he becomes part of a mysterious and amazing plot. |

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| 3554 | Liu, Na & Martinez, Andres Vera (ill) Little white duck: Childhood in China, A | Graphic Universe | 2012 | 9780716381150 | The world is changing for two girls in China is the 1970s. Da Qin and her sister live in the city of Wuhan with their parents. When their country's leader, Chairman Mao, dies, new opportunities begin to emerge. The sisters soon learn that their childhood will be much different than the upbringing their parents experienced. Eight short stories-based on the author's own life- give readers a unique look at what it was like to grow up in China during this important time in history. |
| 129383 | Lloyd Kyi, Tanya Fires: ten tales of dramatic blazes in history | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143302186 | Ten short stories about some of the worst fires in history, two with a strong environmental content. They include fires from the great fire in London in 1666 to the fire of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986. |
| 5363 | Lloyd, Alison & Denton, Terry (ill) Wicked warriors and evil emperors | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143304340 | Imagine that you're made a king at twelve. You have tons of gold, a network of spies and a million soldiers. You also have plenty of enemies. This is the incredible story of Zheng Ying, who in 221BC conquered all the states, unified them under one banner and declared himself the first Emperor. He was brilliant and brutal, and his legend has lived on for thousands of years. Includes cartoon style illustrations. |
| 4980 | Lochran, Steven Paladero: Riders of thunder realm, The | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2016 | 9781760124700 | Joss, a mysterious boy with a tragic past, has only ever dreamed of being a Paladero. A cowboy knight of the Thunder Realm. Will he be able to complete his quest of crossing the savage lands to the doomed Ghost City of Vaal? With his fellow questors and his Raptor mount, Joss must complete this traditional rite of passage or die trying. |
| 16414 | Lomer, Kathryn Talk under water | University of Queensland Press | 2015 | 9780702253690 | Will and Summer meet online and strike up a friendship based on a coincidence. Both are missing a parent and need a friend. Summer lives in Will's old hometown, a small community on Tasmania's coast. But, Summer isn't telling the whole truth about herself. She figures it doesn't matter, if they never see each other. But, when Will returns and they meet, Summer can no longer hide her secret. |
| 66 | London, Jack Call of the wild | University of Queensland Press | 2008 | 9780192728012 | Buck is a family pet and life is good in Santa Clara Valley, where he spends his days eating and sleeping in the golden sunshine. But, one day, a treacherous act of betrayal leads to his kidnap, and he is forced into a life of toil and danger as a sledge dog in the harsh and freezing cold Yukon, Buck must fight for his survival. This is a classic story of cruelty, kindness and survival in a harsh environment. |

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| 789575 |  Lonesborough, Gary Boy from the Mish, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760525880 | It's a hot summer, and life's going all right for Jackson and his family on the Mish. It's almost Christmas, school's out, and he's hanging with his mates, teasing the visiting tourists, avoiding the racist boys in town. Just like every year, Jackson's Aunt and annoying little cousins visit from the city - but this time a mysterious boy with a troubled past comes with them. As their friendship evolves, Jackson must confront the changing shapes of his relationships with his friends, family and community. And he must face his darkest secret - a secret he thought he'd locked away for good. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 23006 | Lord, Gabrielle 48 hours: Medusa Curse, The | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781743629765 | International antiquities fraud and Computer Crime come together in Sydney. Can Jazz and Phoenix save their friend's father and themselves from some very dangerous people? |
| | Lord, Gabrielle Conspiracy 365 series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 38511 |  Lott, Tim Fearless | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406308624 | Powerful story of innocent, persecuted children, estranged from society. One special messianic child never gives up hope that they will be rescued. When mass conformity and degeneration replace hope and humanity, what would it take to overcome the absolute power of the oppressor? An allegory for the experiences of the Jewish people in Nazi Germany. Strong language used in context. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 1910 | Lowe, Pat Girl with no name, The | Penguin | 1994 | 9780140369533 | Matthew sets off alone to find Aboriginal rock paintings that he knows are hidden in Goanna Gorge. When Matthew realises he is lost, the strange, wild country seems to mock him with its secrets until he meets the girl with no name. |
| 9437 |  Lowe, Pat & Pike, Jimmy (ill) Desert cowboy | Magabala Books | 2000 | 9781875641574 | Yinti travels from one outback place to another. He is a Desert Cowboy who experiences a series of firsts: learning the kartiya language (English), his first pay, seeing kartiyas (whitefellas), cars, cows and horses and trousers made from flour bags. |
| 1418 | Lowe, Pat & Pike, Jimmy (ill) Desert dog | Magabala Books | 1997 | 9781875641352 | Spinifex, a dingo pup, is adopted by a family living in the traditional way, moving from waterhole to waterhole. Based on an incident in his childhood, the pup encountering station life shares the experience of Jimmy Pike's own people. |

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| 156 | Lowry, Lois Giver, The | HarperCollins US | 2003 | 9780007141425 | The haunting story centers on twelve-year-old Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community. |
| 283 | Lowry, Lois Number the stars | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1994 | 9780732250911 | A story of the determination of the people of Denmark to protect their Jewish friends from the Nazis in World War II. |
| 599677 | Lu, Marie Batman: Nightwalker | Penguin | 2018 | 9780141386836 | Returning home from his lavish eighteenth birthday party, Bruce Wayne stops a criminal's getaway - disobeying the police and crashing his car during the chase. Sentenced to community service in Gotham City's Arkham Asylum, he encounters some of the the city's most dangerous and mentally disturbed criminals. Among these, Bruce meets the intriguing Madeleine who has ties to the Nightwalker gang that is terrorizing Gotham City. She's a mystery Bruce has to unravel but can he trust her? The Nightwalkers target the rich, and Bruce's name is next on their list. |
| 68097 | Luckett, Dave Paladin | Omnibus Books | 2010 | 9781862918672 | Sam could never have imagined how one good deed would change his world. Finny knows a lot more about changing worlds than she has let on. Together, these two strange friends will find their true calling in a land far from their own, one where danger and magic go hand-in-hand. |
| 689221 | 🚫 Luen Yang, Gene Dragon hoops | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781626720794 | From small steps to great leaps ... Gene understands stories - comic book stories, in particular. Big action. Bigger thrills. And the hero always wins. But Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, his friends called him "Stick" and every basketball game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it's all anyone can talk about. The men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championships. Once Gene gets to know these young all-stars, he realises that their story is just as thrilling as anything he's seen on a comic book page. He knows he has to follow this epic to its end. What he doesn't know yet is that this season is not only going to change the Dragons's lives, but his own life as well. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 599697 | Maas, Sarah J Catwoman: Soulstealer | Penguin | 2018 | 9780141386898 | When the Bat's away, the Cat will play. It's time to see how many lives this cat really has . . . Two years after escaping Gotham City's slums, Selina Kyle returns as the mysterious and wealthy Holly Vanderhees. She quickly discovers that with Batman off on a vital mission, Batwing is left to hold back the tide of notorious criminals. Gotham City is ripe for the taking. Meanwhile, Luke Fox wants to prove he has what it takes to help people in his role as Batwing. He targets a new thief on the prowl who seems cleverer than most. She has teamed up with Poison Ivy and Harley Quinn, and together they are wreaking havoc. This Catwoman may be Batwing's undoing. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 579247 | Maberry, Jonathan Mars One | Simon SCHUSTER | 2017 | 9781481461627 | Tristan is heading to Mars, part of the colonising first fleet from Earth. He and his girlfriend, Izzy, are reality television stars for a reason - like their namesakes, Tristan and Isolde, their love story is destined for heartache. But it is the mysterious sabotage, aboard the spaceships hurtling towards Mars, that offers the most captivating aspect of the plot. |
| 35027 | Macaulay, David Way we work, The | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781406322224 | Explore the human body from head to toe. Lots of interesting facts and details about how our bodies works for us. |
| 14667 | MacColl, Michaela Prisoners in the palace | Chronicle Books | 2010 | 9780811873000 | Sixteen year old Liza expects to make her debut in 1830s London but, when her parents die, she is left penniless and must enter service. She becomes a maid to young Princess Victoria. Liza slowly adjusts to her new life and the temperamental, lonely princess. Liza befriends a young boy and a newspaperman to confront the public slander surrounding the princess. Includes some adult themes and violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 4668 | MacDibble, Bren How to bee | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760294335 | In a world where bees are extinct, the quickest, bravest kids climb fruit trees and pollinate the flowers by hand. All Peony wants to be is a bee - dancing along the high branches and helping her gramps and sister scratch out a living. Life on the farm is a scrabble, but there is enough to eat and a place to sleep, and there is love. Then Peony's mother arrives to take her away from everything she has ever known. Will Peony's grit and quick thinking be enough to keep her safe? |
| 12366 | MacDonald, Alan Tutankhamun's tomb | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9780439982382 | Two very different men share an ambition to discover a tomb that nobody else believes is there. It takes many years to locate the burial place of the boy king and many more to uncover the treasures hidden therein. |

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| 224 | MacDonald, Caroline Lake at the end of the world, The | Penguin | 1995 | 9780140379389 | Two children are living in a community in an underground cave because The Counsellor has dropped toxic waste on the earth above. |
| 470 | MacDonald, Fiona Women in medieval times | McGraw Hill | 1999 | 9780872265691 | A study of the role of women in Roman and medieval periods in history. |
| 45305 | Macinnis, Peter Australian backyard explorer | National Library of Australia | 2009 | 9780642276841 | Australian history joins with science to bring the world of the explorer to life. Each chapter contains an historical section plus a related project and some quirky but interesting facts. Trying to stay alive and keeping an eye on the weather are just as applicable today as they were two hundred years ago. Tales of tragedy, conflict and death, loyalty, amazing perseverance and wonderment. |
| 5053 | Macinnis, Peter Australian backyard naturalist | National Library of Australia | 2012 | 9780642277428 | Ever wondered what all those tiny bugs are that you see when you look very closely at a rosebud on a rosebush? Ever wanted to be able to identify a bird just from hearing its song? Want to learn how to keep a pet ant lion? All that and more is to be found within this informative book. Features personal accounts from the author's experiences with many of the species mentioned. |
| 91827 | Macinnis, Peter Kokoda track: 101 days | Black Dog Books | 2007 | 9781876372965 | A fascinating account of the battle for the Kokoda Track in 1942 where 550 men of the 39th Militia Battalion slowed, and eventually stopped, the advance of 6000 experienced Japanese troops across the massive Owen Stanley Ranges. |
| 41508 | Mack, Louise Teens | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2016 | 9781460750797 | Lennie is leaving the security of life at home to attend a day school in Sydney. She is full of excitement but life outside her secure house with her younger sisters throws up all sorts of challenges, She finds a best friend in Mabel Jones, a fellow pupil and begins to develop her talents as a writer. A charming tale of life as a teenage girl in Sydney in the late 1800's. |
| 120064 | Mackay, Duncan Storm callers | Fremantle Press | 2007 | 9781863682763 | In tiny Miller's Flat, Mike is stuck at the caravan park helping his mum when he'd rather be with mates. One day, he meets feisty, city girl, Kirsty, who is trying to run away. Together, they escape their boredom and create their own world on a remote beach, beachcombing for treasures and imagining stories about pirates and washed up bodies. |
| 6158 | MacKler, Carolyn Universe is expanding and so am I, The | Bloomsbury | 2018 | 9781408897041 | Virginia has fallen out of love with her boyfriend, Froggy, and her brother has been arrested for a crime that the whole family thought was behind them. Virginia is struggling to cope with all this, but then she meets Sebastian. They decide not to talk about anything personal, just to hang out for the summer having fun. But soon they discover that they can't run from the truth forever. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 493 | MacLeod, Doug I'm being stalked by a moon shadow | Penguin | 2006 | 9780143301981 | Seth Parrot lives in a dung-covered house with his brother and not so ex-hippy parents. Seth dreams of muscular girls and knows lots of quirky facts, more from reading teenage girls' magazines than from listening to his eccentric dad. |
| 15741 | MacLeod, Doug Kevin the troll | Puffin Australia | 2007 | 9780143302698 | Kevin, the troll, is crafty and cranky, mysterious and moody and he wants children pie for his seven-hundredth birthday. When trolls and humans make contact, amazing events occur. |
| 5376 | MacLeod, Doug Life of a teenage body-snatcher, The | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143203919 | Thomas Timewell is sixteen, living in England in 1828, where body-snatching is rife, cut-throats are about and terrible novelists are absorbing the lives of wealthy women with nothing better to do. Contains some horror and mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 61223 | MacLeod, Doug Siggy and Amber | Puffin Australia | 2009 | 9780143304388 | Siggy learns the pitfalls of alcohol abuse and not considering the consequences before embarking on what looks like a good idea at the time. Growing up in a sleepy coastal town full of characters, with the girl he loves only a long bike ride away, Siggy is on a quest for the perfect girlfriend. He also has to survive the cool kids at school and build family ties with a mum, an arty sister and a potential stepfather. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 2361 | Macleod, Doug Tigers on the beach | Puffin Australia | 2014 | 9780143568520 | Adam is assistant manager at his parents holiday park, where, after the death of his grandfather, his grandmother has started scaring off the visitors and his parents have started fighting. Once he stops getting into embarrassing situations involving public nudity and work out what's so funny about two tigers on a beach, then maybe he can hope to figure out Samantha. |
| 14376 | MacLeod, Doug Tumble turn | Puffin Australia | 2003 | 9780143300632 | At an embarrassing stage of life, Dominic is burdened with a worrying mother, a father who fancies his teacher, an annoying sister and an embarrassing friend. Dominic is practising Buddhism and resorts to emailing his estranged uncle for support. |

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| 848780 | Madden, Tobias Anything but fine | Penguin | 2021 | 9781761042027 | Luca Mason knows exactly who he is and what he wants: In six months, he's going to be accepted into the Australian Ballet School, leave his fancy private high school, and live his life as a star of the stage - at least that's the plan until he falls down a flight of stairs and breaks his foot in a way he can never recover from. With his dancing dreams dead on their feet, Luca loses his performing arts scholarship and transfers to the local public school, leaving behind all his ballet friends and his whole future on stage. The only bright side is that he strikes up unlikely friendships with the nicest (and nerdiest) girl at his new school, Amina, and the gorgeous and popular school captain, Jordan Tanaka-Jones. As their unlikely bonds grow stronger, Luca starts to wonder: who is he without ballet? And is he setting himself up for another heartbreak? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 7819 | Maekivi, Charles Rust: a collection of short stories | Futuretrack Australia | 2005 | 9781876603014 | Twelve short, engaging stories send readers on some humorous, tough and thought provoking journeys. The stories suit a wide range of reading abilities. |
| 163 | Magorian, Michelle Goodnight Mister Tom | Puffin UK | 2010 | 9780141329703 | William is evacuated to the countryside during the bombing of English cities in World War II. Mr Tom takes him in and turns his sad life around. |
| 2456 | Magorian, Michelle Just Henry | Egmont Childrens | 2008 | 9781405227575 | Set in post-war Britain in 1949, fourteen year old Henry has no friends and misses his war-hero father. He resents his stepfather and stepsister, and escapes by going to the cinema, his passion. When Henry develops an old camera film, he uncovers a mystery and events spiral until Henry's life resembles the drama of the big screen. |
| 5205 | Maguire, Gregory Egg and spoon | Candlewick Press | 2014 | 9780763672201 | Elena Rudina lives with her dying mother in the impoverished Russian countryside. One day, a train arrives carrying untold wealth, a cornucopia of food, and Ekaterina, a girl of Elena's age. When the two girls' lives collide, an adventure begins that includes mistaken identity, a monk locked in a tower, a prince travelling incognito and a wise-cracking Baba Yaga, a witch who lives in a house perched on chicken legs. |
| 54490 | Mah, Adeline Yen China: land of dragons and emperors | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741754674 | Paper, gunpowder, silk, porcelain, stirrups for riding horses and many other wonderful and extraordinary things were first used in China. Read about the rise and fall of dynasties, the superstitions and beliefs of the people and the famous people who are part of the great story of China. |

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| 1173 | 🕒 Mah, Adeline Yen Chinese Cinderella | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141304878 | The plight of a young girl who, because of traditional Chinese beliefs, is rejected by her family at birth. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 14255 | 🕒 Mah, Adeline Yen Chinese Cinderella and the secret dragon society | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781865088655 | A young girl is thrown out of her home by her cruel stepmother onto the dangerous streets of Shanghai. She takes refuge in a Martial Arts Academy and becomes part of a new family. A secret mission changes her life dramatically. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 7787 | Mah, Adeline Yen Chinese Cinderella: the mystery of the Song Dynasty painting | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741146363 | Following a fall, and in hospital where Chinese Cinderella sees a copy of an ancient painting. She is haunted by vivid dreams that seem strange, yet somehow familiar, recalling a life lived eight hundred years ago during the Song Dynasty. Hypnosis is used, leaving open the concept of reincarnation. |
| 5 | Mahy, Margaret Aliens in the family | Scholastic US | 1994 | 9780590448987 | Jake helps her new step-sister and step-brother to protect an alien from another dimension. |
| 79 | 🕒 Mahy, Margaret Changeover, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2003 | 9780007155019 | Laura has premonitions and senses what is about to happen. She is encouraged to 'change over' and become a witch so that she can help save her brother from an evil spirit. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 97 | Mahy, Margaret Dangerous spaces | Puffin NZ | 1993 | 9780140363623 | Athena finds a box covered with green material. Inside it, she sees a dream world which draws her and her cousins in. |
| 185 | Mahy, Margaret Haunting, The | Penguin | 2000 | 9780140363258 | A child begins to receive strange messages and learns about a family legacy. |
| 437 | Mahy, Margaret Underrunners | Viking UK | 1992 | 9780670841790 | Kidnapping and suspense highlight this story of two children who have to rely on courage and resourcefulness to escape from a bleak house. |
| 345 | Mankell, Henning Secrets in the fire | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9781865081816 | Based on a true account of a young refugee girl's determination to overcome the loss of her legs in a Mozambique landmine accident. A deeply moving and unforgettable story. |
| 660725 | 🕒 Mann, Manjeet Run, rebel | Penguin | 2020 | 9780241411421 | "I am restless, my feet need to fly." Amber is trapped - by her father's rules, by his expectations, by her own fears. Now she's ready to fight - for her mother, for her sister, for herself. Freedom always comes at a price. Run, Rebel is a trailblazing verse novel that thunders with rhythm, heart and soul - perfect for fans of Sarah Crossan, Elizabeth Acevedo and Rupi Kaur. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 2580 | Mansell, Deryn Tiger stone | Black Dog Books | 2014 | 9781742032399 | In Java in the fourteenth century, the villagers are fearful of Mbah Merapi, the rumbling volcano that overshadows their lives. Kancil, the lowliest kitchen servant, knows the real danger is human but she is fatherless and mute. She will lose everything if her identity is revealed. But, Kancil must warn the villagers of the danger they are facing. |
| 43456 | Manton, Jo & Bray, Phyllis (ill) Story of Titania and Oberon, The | Pavilion | 2017 | 9781843653295 | Titania, the Fairy Queen, and Oberon, King of Fairies, fall into a quarrel about who should have charge of a little changeling boy. Oberon and his servant, Puck, cast a spell which causes Titania to fall magically in love with Nick Bottom, a weaver who has been given the head of a donkey. Oberon sees the error of his ways and seeks a way to reverse the spell and restore harmony. |
| 237 | Marchetta, Melina Looking for Alibrandi | Penguin | 2000 | 9780140293500 | Josephine, a second generation Australian from an Italian family, seeks to find her way during her HSC year. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 750990 | Marillier, Juliet Dance with fate, A | MacMillan | 2020 | 9781760784225 | Despite her brother leaving for the Otherworld, Liobhan, a young warrior bard is determined to complete her training as an elite fighter on Swan Island. She is devastated when her comrade Dau is injured and loses his sight in a training bout. Blamed by Dau's family, she agrees to accompany him home to Oakhill as a bondservant for one year. But Oakhill is a place of dark secrets. Dau battles demons of despair whilst the vicious Crow Folk threaten both worlds. It will take a great deal of skill and a touch of the uncanny to give them hope of survival. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 728150 | Marillier, Juliet Harp of kings, The | Pan MacMillan | 2019 | 9781760783297 | Liobhan has always dreamed of being a Swan Island warrior. She is a talented musician with exceptional strength and fighting skills which make her the perfect candidate to be a warrior bard and spy. Whilst posing as travelling musicians, Liobhan and her brother Brocc, must find a precious harp that is an ancient symbol of kingship. If the harp is not played at the upcoming coronation the heir will not be accepted and the kingdom will be thrown into turmoil. They can trust no one. Is there a political plot to stop the prince from becoming King or is there something else, something otherworldly at work here? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 177 | Mark, Jan Hairs in the palm of the hand | Viking Children's | 1981 | 9780722657287 | A story that features civil rights for women. |

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| 179 | Mark, Jan & Parkins, David Handles | Viking Children's | 1987 | 9780143015871 | A girl, who is mad about motor bikes, finds happiness in a run-down bike shop. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 7690 | Markle, Sandra Animals Robert Scott saw: an adventure in Antarctica | Chronicle Books | 2008 | 9780811849180 | In 1901, Robert Scott made his first trip to Antarctica. This is the incredible story of Scott's adventures and the animals he saw along the way. |
| 750971 | Marney, Ellie None shall sleep | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760877309 | It is 1982 and the FBI studies serial killers in order to know how they operate, why they do the things they do and more importantly how to spot the clues and be able to catch them. But how do you study teenage serial killers? Which teenage serial killers are willing to talk to the FBI professionals? That's where teenagers Emma and Travis come into play. Both victims of serial killers in their own ways, they've been asked to take part in a program of interviewing young serial killers and trying to help study them. But what happens when they get caught up in an active case, what happens when they get caught between two serial killers? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 846082 | Marr, Melissa Hidden knife, The | Penguin | 2021 | 9780593406007 | Vicky was the daughter of a great warrior, Kathleen, who had escaped the clutches of the queen. She was protected by gargoyles and the people who loved her mother. After an unexpected turn, she needs the help of those people more than ever. She is sent to the school her mother went to: Corvis, and finds new friends and secrets to her past. Can she repair the wrongs that have been made in the past and will she have to do it all alone? |
| 91685 | Marriott, Zoe Daughter of the flames | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406308617 | A sweeping fantasy chronicling a courageous girl's sometimes violent fight for freedom in a world ravaged by war and religious fanaticism. Tackles themes such as religion and terrorism as well as unconventional love. Usually read by students in Year 10 and above. |
| 2130 | Marsden, John Head book, The | Pan MacMillan | 2001 | 9780330363211 | A quick-fix guide to general knowledge and trivia. Everything you needed to know, and maybe didn't even know to ask, explained with wit and clarity. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 364 | Marsden, John So much to tell you | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9780850919417 | Marina's face is shockingly scarred. She has not spoken since her father threw acid at her mother, hitting Marina instead. As part of a writing assignment, she has to keep a journal. In it, she deals realistically with her post-traumatic stress. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 4310 | Marsden, John Take my word for it | Pan MacMillan | 1993 | 9780732907655 | In a Year 9 boarding school dormitory, introspective Laura pours out her observations of friends, family, her frustrations and successes, her thoughts and feelings in her writing. She also befriends Marina who readers met in 'So much to tell you'. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 419 | Marsden, John Tomorrow, when the war began | Pan MacMillan | 1999 | 9780330274869 | The first book in the Tomorrow series. A group of teenagers return from a camping trip to find their town invaded and their parents imprisoned. They must mature quickly, deal with teenage angst and become combative to ensure their own survival. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3603 | Marsden, John Year my life broke, The | Pan MacMillan | 2014 | 9781742613352 | Josh and his family have moved from a nice city house, to a boring street in the country. There are dangerous strangers in his backyard and bullets flying past his ears. At his new school everyone thinks he is hopeless and he has no clue about sport, like cricket, but they are in for the shock of their lives. |
| 9114 | Marsden, John & Ottley, Matt (ill) Home and away | Lothian Books | 2008 | 9780734410566 | Everyone wants a safe place, a place to share with people they love and to call home. Torn from everything they know and love, a young boy and his family struggle to survive the harsh realities of living life as refugees. A harrowing read for refugees from other lands, a disturbingly thought-provoking read for those of us who have always lived in peace and with plenty. |
| 320 | Marsden, John & Tan, Shaun (ill) Rabbits, The | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780734402219 | A sophisticated picture book depicting the invasion and multiplying of the rabbits. The threat that this poses is symbolic of the coming of white civilisation to Australia. |
| 202 | Marshall, Alan I can jump puddles | Penguin | 2004 | 9780143003045 | Alan Marshall's classic autobiography shows how someone who contracted polio at the age of six, in 1908, and was permanently crippled can still lead a fulfilling life. |
| 10177 | Marston, Ella Santa Claus in Baghdad and other stories about teens in the Arab world | Indiana University Press | 2008 | 9780253220042 | Eight short stories that provide a window into the little known world of teenagers growing up in different parts of the Arab world, including Iraq, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. |

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| 50144 | 🕒 Martel, Yann Life of Pi | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780156027328 | The son of a zookeeper, Pi Patel has an encyclopedic knowledge of animal behavior and a fervent love of stories. When Pi is sixteen, his family emigrates from India to North America aboard a Japanese cargo ship, along with their zoo animals bound for new homes. The ship sinks. Pi finds himself alone in a lifeboat, his only companions a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and Richard Parker, a 450-pound Bengal tiger. Soon the tiger has dispatched all but Pi, whose fear, knowledge, and cunning allow him to coexist with Richard Parker for 227 days while lost at sea. When they finally reach the coast of Mexico, Richard Parker flees to the jungle, never to be seen again. The Japanese authorities who interrogate Pi refuse to believe his story and press him to tell them "the truth." After hours of coercion, Pi tells a second story, a story much less fantastical, much more conventional--but is it more true? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 9225 | Martin, Jesse Lionheart: a journey of the human spirit | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9781865085708 | The inspirational sailing adventure of Jesse Martin's solo voyage around the world. |
| 3044 | Martin, Laura Edge of extinction | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2016 | 9780008152895 | The age of man is over, reintroducing dinosaurs to Earth was an unsurprisingly bad idea. While the Survivors rebuild a society in underground bunkers, some wonder if there is more to what's left than this? Sky Munday breaks free from her compound to face the surface, the dinosaurs and maybe even to find her missing father. Who will kill her first, her former compound community, or the reptilian predators above? |
| 770571 | 🕒 Martins, Vitor Here the whole time | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2020 | 9781444958492 | Felipe is fat. And he doesn't need anyone to remind him, which is, of course, what everyone does. He's been waiting for summer: a break from the classmates who tease him incessantly. His plans include catching up on TV, finishing his TBR pile, and watching YouTube tutorials. But then Felipe's mom invites Caio, the neighbour kid from apartment 57, to spend 15 days with them while his parents are on vacation. Felipe is distraught because A) he's had a crush on Caio since, well, for ever, and B) Felipe has a list of body image insecurities and absolutely NO idea how he's going to entertain his neighbour for two full weeks. Suddenly, the days ahead of him that once promised rest and relaxation end up bringing a whirlwind of feelings, forcing Felipe to dive head-first into every unresolved issue he has had with himself - but maybe, just maybe, he'll manage to win over Caio, too. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 751247 | Marwood, Lorraine Footprints on the moon | University of Queensland Press | 2021 | 9780702262838 | 1969. While astronauts are navigating to the moon, Sharnie is navigating her way through her first year in high school (just). She wonders if the world will change when man walks on the moon. However much Sharnie wishes things would stay the same, change is coming. She feels less included in the life of her older sister, Cas, who is growing up and growing away from her. Family life gets rocky as her patriotic dad discovers Cas has met a returned soldier and is intent on making a stand about conscription and Australia's involvement in the Vietnam war. At school, Sharnie's only friend Mia is also drifting away from her towards her nemesis, Ellie. She usually finds comfort at her grandma's but Grandma is becoming forgetful lately and Sharnie is worried. Although it is hard, will Sharnie be courageous enough to moonwalk, to find her own way? |
| 2133 | Marwood, Lorraine Ratwhiskers and me | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781921150395 | A prose-verse novel, set amidst the chaos and brutality of the Victorian goldfields in the 1800s. The narrator, traumatised by a fire in which her family died, and her mangy dog, Ratwhiskers, are befriended by a Chinese boy. Posing as a boy, she flees to the Chinese camp, pretending to be Chinese and taking a new name. |
| 40834 | Maskell, Hazel et al What's Biology all about? | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2009 | 9781409547068 | Discover what life is, how it works and why Biology is more exciting today than ever before... |
| 6494 | Mason, Prue Birdie in the sky | Puffin Australia | 2011 | 9780143305903 | Birdie and her dad love being up in the sky in their Tiger Moth plane, Peggybelle. That is, until a terrible accident makes it a matter of life and death, and Birdie finds herself flying the plane alone. |
| 15418 | Mason, Prue Camel rider | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2004 | 9780143300823 | Set in the panic and confusion of a wartime attack, two boys from different cultures must rely on each other to survive in the desert. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 41 | Masson, Sophie Birds of a feather | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9781863304726 | Year 6 schoolgirls must deal with issues of bullying. |
| 14661 | Masson, Sophie Boggle hunters: Game on | Scholastic Australia | 2012 | 9781741698510 | Sam comes from a family of boggle hunters, although he is unaware of this when he is sent to stay with his English relatives. Computer games are Sam's passion and he cannot believe his eyes when he receives an invitation to become part of the role-playing game, 'Grim's castle'. Parallel stories ensue with Sam being led through a dangerous game and cousin Jenny searching for her missing parents. Fantasy and magic weave throughout this exciting quest. |
| 1238 | Masson, Sophie Cold iron | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1998 | 9780733605833 | Tattercoat's only friends include Pug, the gooseherd, and Malkin, the serving maid. They devise a way to smuggle Tattercoat in to a birthday ball from which her grandfather has excluded her. |

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| 16601 | Masson, Sophie In hollow lands | Hodder Children's Books (UK) | 2004 | 9780340854426 | A group of teens are abducted into the land of the Korrigans. The human world continues to search for the group, who have now been separated into the two worlds. The heroic journeys of all the characters are akin to those journeys of the literature of old. |
| 18469 | Masson, Sophie Malvolio's revenge | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340883648 | An English theatre troupe travelling in the New Orleans area, in a world of voodoo, black magic and gangsters, are dragged into a suspenseful mystery that involves murder, blackmail and intrigue. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 16844 | Masson, Sophie Ned Kelly's secret | Scholastic Australia | 2012 | 9781742830322 | Hugo and his father have come to Australia to research life in the gold fields. When the coach they are travelling on is bailed up by a bushranger, they decide to find out all they can about bushrangers. Little does Hugo know that when he befriends fifteen year old Ned Kelly, he is much closer to bushrangers that he expected. His comfortable travels with his father are about to lead to exciting and dangerous places. |
| 12376 | Masson, Sophie Tempestuous voyage of Hopewell Shakespeare, The | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2003 | 9780340865811 | Hopewell Shakespeare craves adventure and he joins the crew of a notorious buccaneer hunting for the Lost Island of the Lord of Alchemists where dreams come true. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 415 | Masson, Sophie Tiger, The | HarperCollins Australia | 1998 | 9780207196355 | Java is the setting for this story about an Indonesian family and an old mystery surrounding Nick's grandmother. |
| 4070 | Masson, Sophie Understudy's revenge, The | Scholastic Australia | 2011 | 9781741698138 | Millie Osborne is an errand girl for King's company, the famous troupe of actors who, beset by misfortune, have decided to put on a spectacular performance of Hamlet to announce their comeback. When mysterious Oliver Parry arrives to audition for Hamlet, Millie is intrigued and wonders why he is so secretive. She investigates and Millie uncovers secret identities, betrayal, lies, revenge and, perhaps, even murder. |
| 587904 | Masson, Sophie War and resistance | Scholastic Australia | 2019 | 9781742769219 | In joining the Hitler Youth, Dieter finds belonging with other young men, and escape from his proud step father. Sasha and her family, having moved with her family from Sydney to France so her father can report on the war, find themselves under rule by the surging German army. Both have secrets to keep on the complex playing field of war and resistance, but as these two characters circle closer to each other, they need to decide if trust is possible. |
| 82640 | Masson, Sophie Case of the diamond shadow, The | ABC Books | 2008 | 9780733323300 | Daisy and George find themselves caught up in a world of mystery and glamour when they try to unmask the jewel thief before it's too late. |

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| 9436 | Masson, Sophie (ed.) Road to Camelot, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781740518017 | Short stories from a range of authors using characters from the life and times of the legendary King Arthur. Each tells the story of a turning point or magical moment in the early life of that character and the consequence for the future. |
| 28764 | Master, Irfan Beautiful lie, A | Bloomsbury | 2011 | 9781408805756 | In 1947, Bilal shields his dying father from the truth about the violence that is threatening India and their formerly peaceful community. With determination and help from friends, Bilal persuades others to collude with him in this deception, even printing false pages of the local newspaper. Bilal just wants his father to die in peace but that means Bilal has a complicated relationship with the truth. |
| 5207 | Mather, Adriana How to hang a witch | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406378795 | The trials of high school start to feel like modern day witch hunt for Samantha Mather, who has all the wrong connections to Salem's past. To say Sam is unwelcome in Salem would be an understatement. She is the target of the Descendants, a mysterious group of girls whose ancestors were persecuted in the Witch Trials. Complicating her life further is Elijah, an inconveniently handsome resident ghost, and her cute new neighbour, Jaxon. When a centuries old curse is rekindled, Sam finds herself in the centre of it. Can she stop history repeating itself? |
| 14684 | Matthews, Penny Girl like me, A | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143011484 | In a Victorian farming community, Emmie's mother takes on Bertha to help with the chores and the two girls become friends. Emmie discovers Bertha's terrible secrets and their lives intertwine. Based on true events and containing adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 42 | Matthews, Penny (comp) Amazing and bizarre - ten wonderfully weird stories | Yearling | 1992 | 9780440407058 | A collection of ten, strange stories, including one about a person who swam so much, he grew fins. |
| 1814 | Mattingley, Christobel Maralinga's long shadow | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760290177 | Yvonne Edwards, a highly respected Aboriginal artist and community leader, was just six years old when the first bombs of the nuclear tests at Maralinga were detonated in Australia in 1956. The tests continued until 1963 and their consequences profoundly affected her family and the community. |
| 278 | Mattingley, Christobel & Honey, Elizabeth (ill) No gun for Asmir | Puffin Australia | 1993 | 9780140367294 | Asmir and his family are trying to escape from the war in Sarajevo. |

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| 3396 | McAlister, Jodi Valentine | Penguin Books Australia | 2017 | 9780143574163 | Four teenagers who are all born on the same Valentine's Day begin to disappear. As the bodies mount up, Pearl Linford has to work out what is happening before it happens to her. Finn Blacklin also shares a Valentines birthday and is the sworn enemy of Pearl. Finn is also the Valentine and a Seelie fairy changeling swapped for a human boy at birth. The Unseelie have come to kill the Valentine but they do not know who it is. Pearl must use all her wits to protect herself. Finn must come to terms with his newfound heritage. There is explosive chemistry too between them that must be dealt with. |
| 49280 | McCaffrey, Kate Beautiful monster | Fremantle Press | 2010 | 9781921361982 | Tessa needs to be perfect, the perfect daughter, with the perfect marks and the perfect body. But, there is a fine line between being in control and being controlled, in Tessa's effort to achieve perfection. Contains mature themes and some language in context. Usually read by student in Years 9,10 or above. |
| 105 | McCarthy, Stephanie Diary Z | Scholastic Australia | 1998 | 9781862913790 | Red Liston entertains the reader with diary entries about his teenage exploits. |
| 9238 | McCaughrean, Geraldine Little lower than the angels, A | Oxford University Press | 1998 | 9780192717801 | Gabriel is apprenticed to a stonemason, a cruel master. When the opportunity presents itself, he runs away to join a troupe of travelling mystery players. |
| 578994 | McCulloch, Amy Jinxed | Simon SCHUSTER | 2018 | 9781471169960 | Lacey Chu dreams of working for the company behind the revolutionary 'baku' a customisable smart pet that replaces the mobile phone but functions as a pet. To fulfil her dream she must be accepted into the Profectus Academy but her financial situation and family background seem to be standing in her way. That is, until she comes across Jinx; an incredibly advanced cat baku who goes beyond the functions of normal baku to forge an extraordinary bond with Lacey and paves the way to the possibility of her dreams coming true. Until Jinx misbehaves that is...Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 40 | McDonald, Meme & Pryor, Boori Binna Binna man, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9781865080710 | A young Aboriginal boy is travelling back to his home on the mission to attend the funeral of a cousin. |
| 253 | McDonald, Meme & Pryor, Boori Maybe tomorrow | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781742372440 | In this story of reconciliation and courage, Boori is determined to carry on his late brother's tradition of storytelling and performing. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 266 | McDonald, Meme & Pryor, Boori My girragundji | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 1998 | 9781864488180 | When a boy has bullies, a scary monster lurking about at night, and a strange noise outside his window to contend with, the last thing he expects is for a little green tree frog to be his saviour. But he names the frog Girragundji and together they learn how to be brave and face the world together. |

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| 15 | McDougall, Jill & Taylor, Jenny (ill) Anna the goanna and other poems | Aboriginal Studies Press | 2000 | 9780855753443 | A colourful, engaging picture book containing a collection of poems about living in an Aboriginal community. |
| 9267 | McFarlane, Peter Among ants, between bees | Pan MacMillan | 1998 | 9780732948412 | An anthology covering a wide range of human experiences. |
| | McGahan, Andrew Ship kings series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | McKay, Hilary Casson family series | | | | Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the Series lists for individual book titles. |
| 3872 | McKenna, Brenton E Ubby's Underdogs: Heroes beginnings | Magabala Books | 2013 | 9781922142139 | In Broome, a small pearling town in the heart of an ancient land, Ubby, a smart, street-wise Aboriginal girl, is the leader of a rag-tag gang, known as the Underdogs. The gang's efforts to locate Sai Fong, the Dragon Summoner, have been halted by the ambitious pearling master, Paul Donappleton. Old myths and smoky legends from an ancient scroll begin to take on new meaning and it becomes a race to unravel the truth. |
| 639769 | McKenna, Brenton E Ubby's Underdogs: Return of the dragons | Magabala Books | 2019 | 9781922142603 | It is the late 1940s and Broome, a small pearling town in the heart of an ancient land, is still recovering from WWII. Ubby and her gang of Underdogs cross into the Forbidden Zone on the Broome coastline in a desperate bid to locate their missing friend Sai Fong who has disappeared without a trace. What they encounter is worse than anything they could ever have imagined. To survive, the Underdogs must call upon the local gangs to unite, solve the mystery of the Dragon Summoner, and make contact with the mysterious Phoenix Dragon to fight the battle of all battles against an evil and unearthly enemy. What is at stake is the future of humanity itself. The third and final installment in the Ubby's Underdogs graphic novel series. |
| 10066 | McKenna, Brenton E Ubby's Underdogs: The legend of the phoenix dragon | Magabala Books | 2011 | 9781921248313 | In Broome in the 1940s, the pearling town is recovering from World War II. Ubby, a street-wise Aboriginal girl, leads a rag-tag gang known as the Underdogs. When Ubby recruits Sai Fong, a Chinese girl off the boat from Shanghai, they are thrown into a series of bizarre adventures full of myths and legends, and secrets never before exposed. |

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| 4987 | McKinlay, Meg Single stone, A | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781925081701 | Jena's life as leader of the line, gathering mica from deep inside the mountain, is hard. But, it is all she knows, accepting everything that her community leaders tell her. After an unfortunate accident, Jena discovers a small polished stone, which brings forth buried memories from her past. These memories disrupt everything and everyone around her. |
| 47 | McKinley, Robin Blue sword, The | Penguin Putnam | 2002 | 9780141309750 | Living in the desert country of Damar, shared by the Homelanders and the secretive magical Hillfolk, orphaned Harry Crewe is kidnapped by Corlath, the Hillfolk king. He intends to train her in the arts of war until she is a match for any of his men. |
| 9903 | McLay, John (ed) Thirteen | Orchard Books | 2005 | 9781843628354 | Thirteen short stories about being thirteen years old written by thirteen different authors. Includes spoilt birthday parties, peer pressure, embarrassing parents, finding your identity and being true to yourself. |
| 660767 | McManus, Karen One of us is next | Penguin | 2020 | 9780241376928 | Bayview High is just about recovered from the death of gossip king Simon Helleher a year ago. Now there's a new copycat in town who isn't ready to forget him just yet. A school-wide game of Truth or Dare seems fun, right? But this game is lethal. Choosing the truth may reveal your darkest secrets, but accepting the dare could be dangerous - or even fatal. The teenagers of Bayview must work together once again to find the culprit, before it's too late... Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5082 | McManus, Karen. M. One of us is lying | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2017 | 9780141375632 | On Thursday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Bronwyn, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule. Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess. Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing. Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher. And Simon, the outcast, is the creator of Bayview High's notorious gossip app. Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention, Simon's dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. On Thursday, he died. But on Friday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they just the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose? Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |


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| 568873 | McPherson, Sue Brontide | Magabala Books | 2018 | 9781925360929 | Brontide is a coming of age story about four boys and their lot in life. Recounted through storytelling sessions at their school over a period of five days, these boys chronicle their lives. They are at times demanding, occasionally rude, always funny and unexpectedly profound. The boys like to challenge themselves and the rules, and soon realise that not everything goes to plan. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 346 | McRobbie, David See how they run | Penguin | 1999 | 9780141303338 | A British family is forced to flee to Australia to escape criminals in England. This six-part thriller is exciting and suspenseful. |
| 409 | McRobbie, David This book is haunted | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9781863307567 | Stories of ghostly fiction. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 6396 | McRobbie, David To brave the seas | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743313077 | Adam hears the tales of bravery even before the war broke out. As many did in that time he wanted to be a part of the war, not for the glory but as part of the Merchant Navy. The sea is his home and thus contains the highs and lows of any home. We follow Adam through real storms at sea along with political ones not of his making. Tempered by the sea he learns the value of trust and the friends that trust is found in and through. |
| 7496 | McRobbie, David Waxing with Wayne | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1991 | 9781863300933 | More adventures of Wayne Wilson. Wayne's sister is engaged, his hideous young cousin and wonderfully eccentric grandfather come to stay and his best mate seems to upstage him on every occasion, leaving Wayne's love life in tatters. |
| 3067 | McWatters, Nikki Hexenhaus | University of Queensland Press | 2016 | 9780702254253 | In 1628, Veronica and her brother flee for their lives into the German woods after their father is burned at the stake. At the dawn of the eighteenth century, Scottish maid Katherine is lured into political dissent after her parents are butchered for their beliefs. In present-day Australia, Paisley navigates her way through the burning torches of small-town gossip after her mother's new-age shop comes under scrutiny. A powerful historical novel about three young women caught in the hysteria of their own times. |
| 52769 | Meaney, Flynn Bloodthirsty | HarperCollins Australia | 2010 | 9780732292195 | Awkward and allergic to the sun, sixteen year old Finbar never gets the girl. When he notices that the female students at his school are obsessed with a vampire romance novel, Finbar seizes the opportunity. He'll become a vampire. Or at least fake it. When he meets the one girl who just might like him for who he really is, he finds that his life as a pseudo-vampire is more complicated than he expected. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 51535 | Measday, Stephen Send Simon Savage | Little Hare Books | 2010 | 9781921541339 | After his father mysteriously goes missing, thirteen year old Simon is invited to follow in his father's footsteps by joining a team that experiments with time travel. |
| 18505 | Meehan, Kierin In the monkey forest | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780143302162 | Miki is entrusted to return a piece of embroidered fabric and a silk ribbon to Aiko and inherits a bossy little pixie called Nameless. Miki must unravel clues from the past to save the day. |
| 9325 | Meehan, Kierin Night singing | Penguin | 2003 | 9780143300601 | A funny and fascinating story of contemporary Australia with a moving tale of survival in Hiroshima at the end of the Second World War. When Josh breaks his leg, he is rescued by his kind but mysterious neighbour, Mrs Murakami. |
| | Melki-Wegner, Skye Chasing the valley series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 18077 | Melki-Wegner, Skye Hush, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9780857985668 | Chester is searching for clues about his father and why he disappeared. But, when he's caught illegally connecting with the Song as he plays his beloved fiddle, Chester is sentenced to death. Only a licensed Songshaper can bend music to their will. Susannah knows the secrets of The Hush, where there is no music, only deadly Echoes that will steal your soul, and she has plans for Chester. |
| 9347 | Mellor, Bronwyn & Hemming, Judith & Leggett, Jane Changing stories | Chalkface Press | 1990 | 9781875136018 | A collection of different versions of folk and fairy stories designed to encourage secondary students to consider different points of view and the ways stories can change over time. |
| | Meloy, Maile The Apothecary trilogy series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 4902 | Melville, Herman & Needle, Jan (pres) & Benson, Patrick (ill) Moby Dick | Walker Books | 2006 | 9780744586220 | The classic tale of Captain Ahab who has sworn vengeance on Moby Dick, the white whale that took his leg, told through the eyes of the sailor, Ishmael. Ahab's bitter hatred threatens to destroy everyone. Evocative drawings, the gorier practices of nineteenth century whaling and insightful notes on Melville's deeper themes compellingly invite readers to discover the full text. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 4300 | Menon, Sandhya When Dimple met Rishi | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2017 | 9781473667402 | Meet Dimple. Her main aim in life is to escape her traditional parents, get to university and begin her plan for tech world domination. Meet Rishi. He's rich, good-looking and a hopeless romantic. His parents think Dimple is the perfect match for him, but she's got other plans...Dimple and Rishi may think they have each other figured out. But when opposites clash, love works even harder to prove itself in the most unexpected ways. As joyfully refreshing as Rainbow Rowell, Jenny Han and Nicola Yoon, When Dimple Met Rishi is a frothy, funny contemporary romance told from the dual perspectives of two Indian American protagonists. While Dimple is fighting her family traditions, Rishi couldn't be happier to follow in the footsteps of his parents - could sparks fly between this odd couple, or is this matchmaking attempt doomed to fail? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 31116 | Merchant, Jackie Promise horse, The | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781760650568 | Harry is tired of being the tall new kid with red hair, big feet, and freckles. The one with the dead sister who's voice follows her every where she goes. People tell her she's imagining Sissy, but they are wrong, surely she wouldn't be such a pain if Harry was making her up? When Harry's wish for a horse comes true and Marksman comes into her life she wonders if she should have wished so hard, because Marksman is big, huge even, and Harry wonders if she has taken on more than she can deal with. But could this challenge be just what she needs to learn the difference between standing out and standing up? |
| 80827 | Merlin, Isabelle Cupid's arrow | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741664379 | Fleur's recurring nightmare is being hunted through a dark forest by a sinister archer. When her mother inherits a fabulous book collection, they travel to France together. They are in the heart of King Arthur country, steeped with mystery and hidden wealth. Fleur meets Remy, the boy of her dreams, and it's love at first sight. But, Fleur's nightmare is just about to begin. Strong language in context and mature themes. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 687424 | Merrill, Miles and Nozica, Narcisa Slam your poetry | NewSouth Publishing | 2020 | 9781742236094 | No props. No music. No costumes. Just you, your words and a mic- you've got two minutes to make the crowd scream your name. Miles Merrill, spoken word artist and founder of Australian Poetry Slam, and award-winning teacher Narcisa Nozica will take you from novice to spoken word superstar in no time. Twenty years after Merrill introduced poetry slams to Australia, there's a national competition with a live audience of 20,000 people! With tips from stars of the Australian poetry slam scene, including bestselling author Maxine Beneba Clarke, this book will inspire you to slam your own poetry, Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 5204 | Messner, Kate Brilliant fall of Gianna Z., The | Bloomsbury | 2018 | 9781681195476 | All Gianna Zales wants to do is compete at the cross-country finals, but there is something standing in her way- a science project. She has less than a week to collect and document twenty-five leaves, and she'll lose her spot on the team if she can't pull it off. With a forgetful grandmother, a hearse-driving father, a mean-girl running rival, and new feelings toward her best friend, Gianna wishes life would just leave her alone to finish the project. Can Gianna Z get the stroke of brilliance she needs to make it all work out? |
| 4586 | Metzenthien, David Black water | Penguin Books Australia | 2007 | 9780143005612 | When Farren's father goes missing at sea, all he wants is for his older brother to come home from the war in Gallipoli. But, when Danny returns, he has changed from the person Farren remembers. This is a story of two brothers' struggle to make their way in a difficult world. Mature themes and very strong language used in context throughout. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 91 | Metzenthien, David Colour of sunshine, The | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141310510 | Following the death of his older sister in a car accident, a nine year old boy is surrounded by the grief of his family. |
| 6116 | Metzenthien, David Finn and the big guy | Penguin | 1997 | 9780140382679 | Finn comes to the city for his first big break as a stablehand at a large racetrack. Working with the horses he loves, Finn feels valuable for the first time in his life. But there's trouble at the track, and Finn finds it difficult to know who to trust. |
| 155 | Metzenthien, David Gilbert's ghost train | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9781865044590 | Is Gilbert real or a ghost? Martin doesn't much care - at least he is helping to distract his brother from his illness. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 58097 | Metzenthien, David Jarvis 24 | Penguin Books Australia | 2009 | 9780143010043 | We first meet Marc Jarvis and his best mate, Travis, as stereotypical sports-playing, girl-ogling sixteen year olds. As the book unfolds, we see beyond the exterior as Marc makes sense of his feelings and attitudes. His views about people, loyalty, friendship, love and its loss are challenged. |

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| 45432 | Metzenthen, David & Camilleri, Michael (ill) One minute's silence | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743316245 | In one minute of silence, you can imagine a war long gone. You can share what the soldiers saw and felt as they fought. And if you try, you might be able to imagine the enemy and see that he is not so different from you. |
| | Meyer, Marissa Lunar Chronicles series NEW 2019 | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function at the top of the screen. |
| | Meyer, Stephenie Twilight saga series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9936 | Michael, Jan Leaving home | Andersen Press Ltd | 2008 | 9781842707784 | Set in South Africa, orphaned Sam has to leave his affluent life in the city, his computer, his trendy clothing and his pride, to live with his aunt in a village at the back of beyond. He has to sleep on the floor in a one-roomed hut, sharing with his aunt and cousins. Sam must work out where he belongs. |
| 18372 | Milbourne, Anna & McCafferty, Jan & MacKinnon, Catherine-Anne Usborne art ideas: drawing cartoons | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2002 | 9780746048429 | Excellent book outlining the tips and techniques involved in creating cartoons. Includes links to a website for extra information, pictures and templates. Written in an easy to follow manner allowing even lesser artistic types to gain skills. |
| 6543 | Millard, Glenda Small free kiss in the dark, A | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741756586 | Skip is an outsider, a quiet observer, who draws pictures to make sense of the world. When war grips the city in which Skip and his mismatched family are surviving, they are forced to shelter in an empty fun fair, scavenge for food and live on their imaginations. |
| 4679 | Millard, Glenda Stars at Oktober Bend, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781743315897 | Alice has been twelve for a long time. Ever since she was assaulted, something inside her is broken. She has acquired brain injury and her words are slow and slurred. Alice writes poems to express what she can't say and leaves them in unexpected places for others to read. Sixteen year old Manny, once a child soldier back in his country, appears to be adapting to his new life. He has a poem and knows it off by heart. Alice and Manny weren't meant to meet each other. Mature read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 23779 | Miller, Dannielle Girl with the butterfly tattoo, The | Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group Inc | 2012 | 9781742752556 | The butterfly is a symbol of transformation. It reminds us that we are all able to change. We can make choices and we are in control. We can choose to replace the messages that shout 'You are not enough' - not hot enough, thin enough, talented enough, popular enough. This story encourages girls to question the limiting messages our culture keeps pushing: that a girl's greatest worth is her looks, and beauty comes in only one size and shape. It inspires and empowers girls to find their strength and be true to their own hearts and minds. |
| 23781 | Miller, Dannielle & Funnell, Nina Loveability: An empowered girls guide to dating and relationships | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2014 | 9780732296469 | Not into you? Too into you? What happens when feelings aren't mutual? When to stay and when to go? Can't handle the heartbreak? Or maybe just sick of being single? In this guide, Dannielle Miller and Nina Funnell will help you navigate your way through the often complex world of relationships. Their combination of professional expertise and personal stories delivers a book that is like the best chat you could ever have with your friends, filled with good advice that is smart, but also warm, funny and never judgemental. And determine your love-ability with the help of quizzes, Q&As, compatibility tests and true love checklist. |
| 24609 | Miller, Kim They told me I had to write this | Ford Street Publishing | 2009 | 9781876462840 | Blamed for the death of his mother, carrying a terrible secret from Grade 5 and in trouble with the police, Clem is now in a school for toxic teenagers. Encouraged to write Clem goes deep into the trauma that has defined his life. Issues of bullying, child abuse, family dysfunction, drugs, grief. Street language used in context. |
| 5505 |  Mills, Emma Foolish hearts | Henry Holt CO | 2017 | 9781627799379 | When Claudia accidentally eavesdrops on the epic breakup of Paige and Iris, the it-couple at her school, she finds herself in hot water with prickly, difficult Iris. Thrown together against their will into a class production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, along with the goofiest, cutest boy Claudia has ever known, Iris and Claudia are in for an eye-opening senior year. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 660546 | Millwood Hargrave, Kim Deathless girls, The | Orion | 2019 | 9781510106918 | They say the thirst of blood is like a madness - they must sate it. Even with their own kin. On the eve of her divining, the day she'll discover her fate, seventeen-year-old Lil and her twin sister Kizzy are captured and enslaved by the cruel Boyar Valcar, taken far away from their beloved traveller community. Forced to work in the harsh and unwelcoming castle kitchens, Lil is comforted when she meets Mira, a fellow slave who she feels drawn to in a way she doesn't understand. But she also learns about the Dragon, a mysterious and terrifying figure of myth and legend who takes girls as gifts. They may not have had their divining day, but the girls will still discover their fate... Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 18449 | Milton, Wendy Boy who disappeared, The | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780734408921 | Rodney has powers to be a 'switcher' who can travel between parallel worlds. One world is highly developed and the other is almost medieval. The story follows the adventures across both worlds. |
| 2235 | Miranda, Megan Fracture | Bloomsbury | 2012 | 9781408817391 | Eleven minutes passed before Delaney Maxwell was pulled from the icy waters by her best friend, Decker. By then, her heart had stopped beating and her brain had stopped working. Delaney is declared officially dead. Then, she starts breathing and the doctors are mystified. Outwardly, Delaney has completely recovered but she knows something is wrong. Delaney finds herself drawn to the dying. |
| 88507 | Mitchell, Jane Chalkline | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781406315172 | It's an ordinary morning at school in rural Kashmir when the silence of dawn prayers is ripped apart by gunfire. Freedom Fighters are raiding his village and Rafiq is the first boy to cross the chalkline into a life of brutality and violence. Rafiq's memory of his family has been all but obliterated by his forced training, indoctrination and terrorist actions and is unrecognisable as the boy who left the village. Includes violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 660666 | Mittlefehldt, Rafi What makes us | Candlewick Press | 2019 | 9780763697501 | Eran has grown up to be a passionate citizen, concerned with his community and the world. He can also be an angry young man, something he is sure he inherited from his stern and serious mother. A protest Eran organises takes an ugly turn and a viral video unlocks many secrets which Eran's mother has kept locked away. Eran is certain that his quick and fiery temperament come from his mother, but the truth forces Eran to see beyond what he has inherited and look to who he chooses to be. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10, or above. |

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| 5757 | Ⓢ Moloney, James Beauty is in the walking, The | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2015 | 9780732299941 | Everyone thinks they know what Jacob O'Leary can and can't do, and they're not shy about telling him either. But, no one, not even Jacob, knows what he's truly capable of. When a shocking and mystifying crime leaves his small country town reeling, and fingers start pointing at a young Muslim boy at his school, Jacob is convinced the police have accused the wrong guy. He's determined to prove it, and himself, to everyone. Challenging book; usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 58 | Ⓢ Moloney, James Bridge to Wiseman's Cove, A | University of Queensland Press | 1996 | 9780702228841 | Karl and his wild young brother are taken in by their aunt, after their mother abandons them. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 95 | Ⓢ Moloney, James Crossfire | University of Queensland Press | 1992 | 9780702223846 | Luke is interested in guns and hunting but it is the emotional crossfire between his divorced parents that has him trapped. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 1501 | Moloney, James Doug | University of Queensland Press | 2004 | 9780702224997 | Doug's sister, Gracey, is chosen for the State Athletics Championships but it leads to violence. It is up to Doug to save his family from the racist war that ensues and the mysterious Moodagudda. The first book in a trilogy. |
| 5092 | Ⓢ Moloney, James Gracey | University of Queensland Press | 2009 | 9780702237072 | It's school holidays and Gracey is coming home to Cunningham, a remote country town. Everything looks different, even frightening. When her brother, Doug, finds three aboriginal bones, a chain of events causes Gracey to reconnect with her Aboriginal heritage. Includes coarse language and adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 18624 | Ⓢ Moloney, James Lost property | Penguin | 2005 | 9780670029433 | Josh feels lost in his rapidly coming adult world. His family are haunted by the disappearance of his older brother, Michael. Josh's relationship with his girlfriend is full of teenage angst and tension. His holiday job in the lost property department with the philosophical Clive reveals that adult emotions are just as complex. Josh decides he must bring Michael home no matter what. Some strong language used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 5880 | Moloney, James Love that I have, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9781460754634 | Margot Baumann has left school to take up her sister's job in the mailroom of a large prison. But this is Germany in 1944, and the prison is Sachsenhausen concentration camp near Berlin. Margot is shielded from the camp's brutality as she has no contact with prisoners. But she does handle their mail and, when given a cigarette lighter and told to burn the letters, she is horrified by the callous act that she must carry out with her own hands. This is especially painful since her brother was taken prisoner at Stalingrad and her family have had no letters from him. So Margot steals a few letters, intending to send them in secret, only to find herself drawn to their heartrending words of hope, of despair, and of love. This is how Margot comes to know Dieter Kleinschmidt - through the beauty and the passion of his letters to his girlfriend. And since his girlfriend is also named Margot, it is like reading love letters written for her. |
| 314 | Moloney, James Pipe, The | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9780850917871 | A skateboarding story with a twist. |
| | Moloney, James Silvermay trilogy series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 362 | Moloney, James Snake man, The | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780850918991 | Terry and Liam are concerned about the contents of the box they helped carry into the derelict house of the taxidermist. Liam feels their concerns were warranted when Terry disappears. |
| 22377 | Moloney, James Young vikings, The | Scholastic Australia | 2018 | 9781743811191 | When his village is attacked, Hauk Johanson has no choice but to step up and lead the young Vikings on a quest for revenge. But there is one problem the young Vikings have never fought in battle. Can Hauk and his friends master the skills of sword and axe in time? Will the Gods be on their side? And does Hauk have what it takes to lead when the fate of an entire village lies in his hands? |


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| 15460 | Moloney, James Kill the possum | Penguin Books Australia | 2008 | 9780143004202 | Dylan Kane has never met his father. But, he has met Kirsty Beale's step-father, a brute of a man, a bully, a living-room thug. Kirsty's family is tormented by his cruelty and she is desperate to live a normal life. Dylan and Kirsty's brother hatch a plan to make him stop. A gripping and powerfully moving story of a family stretched to breaking point and a portrait of a killer. A confronting, controversial topic with inherent violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 2095 | Mor, Caiseal Harp at midnight, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9780091838751 | When thirteen year old Andrew Ferguson goes to stay in an old house in Ireland, he is immediately plunged into the mysteries of Irish legend. |
| 12367 | Morgan, Damian & Whatley, Bruce (ill) Gil's quest | Koala Books | 2003 | 9780864615527 | Gilgamesh's story retold by Gil, himself, is a gripping blend of narrative, fantasy, history and myth, dating from around 2000 BC. It follows his quest for everlasting life which pits him against Enki the Shag and takes him to the end of the world. |
| 846181 | Morgan, Kass and Paige, Danielle Monarchs, The | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2022 | 9781529363883 | The Ravens sorority are witches. They need to protect themselves and their secret. After the last semester's disaster, they are determined to restore the balance and get back to being the ruling sorority on campus. When magic starts to go wrong, and a rival sorority is gaining power, their future could be in jeopardy. Scarlett, Vivi and their sisters need to protect their coven and Westerly from an unknown evil. |
| 751113 | Morgan, Kass and Paige, Danielle Ravens, The | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2020 | 9781529363838 | At first glance, The Ravens seem like typical sorority sisters. These girls are the most admired at Westerly College. Looks can be deceiving, and these are not just girls but a coven of witches. With a new intake of Littles and a painful secret returning to haunt them, the girls will need to put rivalry aside to save a fellow sister. |
| 5105 | Morgan, Michelle Flying through Clouds | Griffin Press | 2017 | 9780995386501 | It's not easy being a teenage boy growing up in the tough neighbourhood of Glebe in the 1930s. It's even harder when your dream is to become an aviator, your parents are dead against it, and your girlfriend's father is the School Principal. But Joe has even bigger challenges he must face and obstacles to overcome in order to achieve his dream. He has come up with a plan and won't let anyone stand in his way. |

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| 13281 | Morgan, Michelle Racing the moon | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743316351 | In 1930s Glebe, Joe Riley has to be creative to make pocket money. He's watched his dad keep ahead of the law and he's sure that he can too. When his parents send him to a Catholic boarding school, Joe is homesick and lonely. He meets the darker side of human nature and is at odds with the school, especially Brother Felix. Expelled, Joe is sent to a reform school where life is tough. But, through working the land, Joe eventually finds inner strength, peace and true freedom. Mature themes. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2957 | Morgan, Nicola Highwayman's curse, The | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406303124 | On the run from the redcoats, the two young highwaymen, Will and Bess, find themselves in Scotland, blamed for a murder they did not commit. They are captured by smugglers and become embroiled in religious hatred and revenge that goes back for generations. Will and Bess will have to make decisions and choices that will test their courage to the limit. |
| 16462 | Morgan, Nicola Highwayman's footsteps, The | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406303117 | William de Lacy, the high born son of a gentleman, is on the run for stealing money and a horse. These are hanging offences and Will and the mysterious Bess must be resourceful and brave enough to survive an eighteenth century highwayman's life. |
| 35562 | Morgan, Nicola Teenage guide to friends, The | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406369779 | Friendships and peer groups can cause problems and upsets in your teenage years. People can be confusing- until you understand how different personality traits, stresses and emotions affect their behaviours. Yours too! This book is for anyone who wants to know how friendships work and what to do when they don't. You'll find positive advice on how to make and keep friends, as well as positive strategies to help you through the tough times and make you feel more confident. |
| 269 | Morgan, Sally My place | Fremantle Press | 2000 | 9780949206312 | An autobiography of three generations of Sally Morgan's Aboriginal family that traces her search for identity. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 6509 | Morgan, Sally Sally's story | Fremantle Press | 2003 | 9780949206787 | The first part of Sally Morgan's My Place, presented as Sally's story of her school days, her family, growing up, going to university and trying to discover her place. |
| 6190 | Morgan, Sally Sister heart | Fremantle Press | 2015 | 9781925163131 | Annie, young Aboriginal girl, is taken from her family in the north of Australia and sent to an institution in the distant south. Away from everything she knows and everyone she loves, Annie must make a new life in a strange world. A sister-friend brings fresh hope. |
| 443 | Morgan, Sally Wanamurraganya: the story of Jack McPhee | Fremantle Press | 1990 | 9780949206992 | The story of Jack McPee, an itinerant station and mine worker, from the Pilbara region of Australia. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 619016 | Morgenstern, Erin Night circus, The | Penguin | 2012 | 9780099554790 | In 1886 a mysterious travelling circus becomes an international sensation. Open only at night, constructed entirely in black and white, the Cirque des Reves delights all who wander its circular paths and warm themselves at its bonfire. There are contortionists, performing cats, carousels and illusionists - all the trappings of an ordinary circus. But this is no conventional spectacle. Some tents contain clouds, some ice. The circus seems almost to cast a spell over its aficionados, who call themselves the reveurs - the dreamers. And who is the sinister man in the grey suit who watches over it all? Behind the scenes a dangerous game is being played out by two young magicians, Celia and Marco, who, at the behest of their masters, are forced to test the very limits of the imagination - and of love. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 9287 | Morpurgo, Michael Billy the kid | Collins | 2002 | 9780007105472 | Billy doesn't think or act his age. His memories of his days as a Chelsea striker and his interests keep him younger than he seems. |
| 5668 | Morpurgo, Michael Flamingo boy | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2018 | 9780008134648 | Lorenzo is special. He seems to be able to communicate with animals. Which is odd, because he sometimes has problems communicating with people. Lorenzo has a particular bond with the flamingos that live in huge flocks on the marshes around his home in the Camargue. Lorenzo also loves music, and routine, and every week he visits the local town market with his mother. That's where he meets Kezia, whose parents own and run the wonderful carousel that captures his attention. Kezia shows Lorenzo how to ride the wooden horse, or cheval, as her mother plays the organ and in time they become firm friends. Life is good. But then the war intrudes, the Germans finally arrive and everything that Lorenzo and Kezia hold dear is threatened, even the flamingos. Yet, where there is life, there is hope and even amongst the occupying soldiers there are kind souls. |
| 6162 | Morpurgo, Michael Mozart question, The | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406306484 | A moving tale of secrets and survival bound together by the power of music. When Lesley is sent to interview world-renowned violinist Paulo Levi, she is told that she can ask him anything at all -- except the Mozart question and that presents no problem at all because she has no idea of what that means. |

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| 15391 | ⦿ Morpurgo, Michael Private Peaceful | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2012 | 9780007486441 | On the battlefields of World War 1, young Private Thomas Peaceful looks back over his childhood. His memories of his loving family come vividly alive. But, every moment takes Tommo closer to something he cannot bear to think about. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 1067 | Morpurgo, Michael Running wild | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2009 | 9780007317202 | For ten year old Will and his mother, going to Indonesia isn't just a holiday, it's a chance to put things behind them. At first, it seems just what they both need but, then, the tsunami comes crashing in. Oona, the elephant, that Will is riding on the beach, begins to run. When the tsunami has gone, Oona keeps on running. With only a bottle of water to sustain him, Will must learn to survive deep in the jungle. |
| 11353 | Morpurgo, Michael Singing for Mrs Pettigrew, a story-maker's journey | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406300765 | A number of Michael Morpurgo's beautifully written short stories, each one preceded by insights from the author relating to the background of the story and how he came to write it. |
| 9239 | Morpurgo, Michael Toro Toro | HarperCollins US | 2002 | 9780007107186 | The suffering, loss and futility of war are shown through the intensity of one child's experiences of the outbreak of the Spanish civil war when grandfather, Antonito, recalls his life. |
| 660619 | Morris, Jackie Letters to the Earth | HarperCollins US | 2020 | 9780008374440 | We are facing a global emergency. Temperatures are rising. Mass species extinction has begun. The time for denial is over. It is time to act. This book contains letters from all of us: parents and children; politicians and poets; actors and activists; songwriters and scientists. They are letters of love, loss, hope and action to a planet in crisis. They are the beginning of a new story. They are an invitation to act. |
| 9214 | Morris, Mary Blabber mouth: the play | Currency Press | 2004 | 9780868194219 | This stage adaptation of Gleitzman's novel explores disabilities, friendship and families. |
| 9215 | Morris, Mary Two weeks with the queen: the play | Currency Press | 2004 | 9780868194011 | A script which is as funny as the book, covering the same issues of death, cancer, AIDS and love. |
| 3749 | Moses, Alexa Slave girl | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2012 | 9780732294984 | Exchange student Jenna has managed to get an appointment at New York's coolest hair salon, but when her teacher insists she stays at the boring Metropolitan Museum she stumbles into ancient Egypt. |

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| 579241 | Moss, Tamara Lintang and the brightest star | Penguin Random House Australia | 2018 | 9780143788331 | A prophecy has been spoken. A monster has awoken. As the conquering hold of the United Regions continues to spread, time is running out for Lintang, Captain Shafira and the crew of the Winda to find allies in their quest for peace. But when they arrive in war-torn Kaneko Brown, the local rebels are too scared to help. The Vierzans have summoned a category ten mythie that devours the star of anyone who dares stand against them. Worse, the mythie has been prophesied to mean the end of Captain Shafira. Lintang must find a way to stop the most dangerous mythie in the guidebook or she'll lose her beloved captain forever. |
| 5322 | Moss, Tamara Lintang and the Forbidden Island | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9780143783459 | The time has come to visit the forbidden island of Allay. But first Lintang needs to find her captain, and it seems the only way to get to the Winda is to join - then escape - the Vierzan navy. Only then will Captain Shafira set sail for Allay, where the crew of the Winda must uncover what really happened to the country's missing ruler. When disaster strikes, and Lintang is separated from her captain again, she and her friends must sneak through the heart of Allay, battle terrifying new mythies and overcome Captain Shafira's enemies to return to where they belong. Lintang was left behind once. She won't let it happen again. |
| 35569 | Moss, Tamara Lintang and the Pirate Queen | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9780143783435 | Lintang dreams of having adventures on the High Seas. When a deadly mythie attacks the same day the infamous Captain Shafira visits her island, Lintang gets her chance, defending her village with the bravery that earns her a place on the pirate queen's ship. But they've barely left the island when Lintang discovers her best friend, Bayani, has stowed away. Telling Captain Shafira means betraying her friend, but keeping Bayani's secret risks everything...including their lives. |
| | Mowll, Joshua The Guild trilogy series | | | | This adventure series follows Rebecca and Douglas in their quest to find their parents who have gone missing on an expedition in China. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |




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| 687907 |  Muchamore, Robert Arctic Zoo | Hot Key Books | 2019 | 9781471408328 | Georgia and Julius meet in an adolescent mental health unit and in a flashback format we gradually find out about the events that led them to both be there. This novel explores highly believable political events in London and Nigeria and explores how Georgia and Julius both ended up in way deeper than they liked. This story is focused on social media and how its impact influences us all. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 581516 | Muchamore, Robert Killer T | Hot Key Books | 2018 | 9781471407505 | Harry and Charlie are teenagers whose lives are shaped by a society that's shifting around them. He is a lonely Brit in his first term at a Las Vegas high school. She is an unlikely friend, who gets accused of mixing a batch of explosives that blew up a football player. The two of them are drawn together at a time when gene editing technology is starting to explode. With a lab in the garage anyone can beat cancer, enhance their brain to pass exams, or tweak a few genes for that year-round tan and perfect beach body. But in the wrong hands, cheap gene editing is the most deadly weapon in history. Killer T is a synthetic virus with a ninety per-cent mortality rate, and the terrorists who created it want a billion dollars before they'll release a vaccine. |
| 693048 | Muchamore, Robert Robin Hood: Hacking, heists and flaming arrows | Hot Key Books | 2020 | 9781471408618 | Robin is a skilled archer but when his archery gets him in trouble with the leader of the town gangsters, he heads for the Sherwood Forest to stay alive. However, unlike his classic counterpart, this twenty-first century Robin uses his computer hacking skills to steal from the rich and give to the poor. |
| 21238 | Muir, Aunty Fay & Lawson, Sue Nganga: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander words and phrases | Black Dog Books | 2018 | 9781921977015 | Written by Aunty Fay Muir, an Elder and Traditional Owner of Boon Wurrung Country. She is the senior linguist at the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages in Melbourne. This collection of definitions, words and phrases is titled Nganga, which is defined on page 84 as "a word from Boon Wurrung language, meaning to see and understand". |
| 75918 | Mulligan, Andy Trash | David Fickling Books | 2010 | 9780385619028 | Three friends are living on a heap of trash, a lifetime of sifting rubbish. One day they find something extraordinary. From that moment on they are hunted without mercy. But they can't run forever. The reality of a slum society in the modern world combined with an action packed mystery. |

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| 65776 | Mulligan, David Heroes of Tobruk | Scholastic Australia | 2008 | 9781741690774 | When World War II is declared in 1939, Peter and his friend, Tony, put their ages up and enlist in the Australian army. Written as diary entries, giving a gripping and informative insight into their experiences in the Middle East, particularly at Tobruk. Provides a clear picture of the challenges and horrors of war. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 9352 | Mullin, Chris Basketball | Dorling Kindersley | 2000 | 9780751328059 | Indiana Pacer, Chris Mullin, introduces this fascinating new guide to basketball. He draws on his wealth of experience in America's National Basketball Association to show beginners all aspects of the game. |
| 17360 | Murgatroyd, Sarah Dig 3ft NW: the legendary journey of Burke and Wills | Text Publishing Co | 2008 | 9781921351723 | In 1860, Robert Burke, accompanied by William Wills and a party of explorers, was prepared to risk everything to become the first European to cross the Australian continent from south to north. A few months later, a tree bore a strange carving, Dig under 3 ft NW. Burke, Wills and five other men were dead. A compelling account of a journey that was in trouble even before it began. |
| 14828 | Murphy, Aunty Joy & Kennedy, Lisa (ill) Welcome to country | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781922244871 | Welcome to the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people. We are part of this land and the land is part of us. This is where we come from. Wominjeka Wurundjeri balluk yearmenn koondee bik. Welcome to country. |
| 589990 | Murphy, Julie Dumplin' | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2017 | 9780062327192 | Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean Dickson has always been at home in her own skin. Her thoughts on having the ultimate bikini body? Put a bikini on your body. When until Will takes a job at the local fast food joint, she meets Private School Bo -- a hot former jock. Will is unsurprised to find herself attracted to Bo. But she is surprised when he seems to like her back. Instead of finding new heights of self-assurance in her relationship with Bo, Will starts to doubt herself. So she sets out to take back her confidence by doing the most horrifying thing she can imagine: entering the Miss Clover City beauty pageant -- along with several other unlikely candidates -- to show the world that she deserves to be up there as much as any twiggy girl does. Along the way, she'll shock the hell out of Clover City -- and maybe herself most of all. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 15405 | Murray, Kirsty Becoming Billy Dare | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781865087351 | When his mother dies, Paddy runs away from school and stows on a ship sailing to Australia. In his new land, Paddy is willing to try anything and has many jobs until he finally discovers what he really wants to do. |

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| 15386 | ● Murray, Kirsty Bridie's fire | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9781865087276 | Bridie starts a new life in a new country, a young, orphaned, Irish girl sadly separated from her brother. Working in the theatre on the Australian goldfields is a very hard life. Bridie finds a way to use her talents and meets her true love. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 18673 | ● Murray, Kirsty Prayer for Blue Delaney, A | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781865087368 | In the fifties, Colm McCabe is sent from England to an Australian orphanage. He suffers terribly under the cruel nuns and brothers. His faith shines through as he searches for self and family. Strong language used frequently in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 7468 | Murray, Kirsty Tough stuff | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9781864489293 | Stories of children famous for their talent, fortunes, protests, rebellion, prayers, heroism or just for hanging on through oppression and war, such as a young Genghis Khan, a seventeen year old maths professor, the wolf girls and a chess genius. |
| 1262 | Murray, Kirsty Year it all ended, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743319413 | Armistice Day, 11 November, 1918 is also Tiney's 17th birthday and heralds a change for all. The family eagerly awaits the return of their only son and brother and mourns with friends and relatives of those who will not return. Life in Adelaide during the war has not been easy for families, but for those returning life will never be the same. The following years bring the Spanish flu epidemic, broken families and the beginnings of new ones. |
| 7725 | ● Murray, Kirsty (ed) & Dhar, Payal (ed) & Anita Roy (ed) Eat the sky, drink the ocean | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781743319789 | A collection of science fiction and fantasy writing, including six graphic stories, showcasing twenty exciting writers and artists from India and Australia. Dive into these stories and see how girls cope with the dangers of worlds gone mad. Every story is a journey and each story has its own magic. Includes some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2720 | Murray, Kristy India dark | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781741758580 | In 1910, thirteen year old Poesy Swift has the opportunity to join a travelling performance troupe, she's excited about seeing the world and leaving her drab life in Melbourne. But, the trip heads to India instead of America and, as India simmers with the tension of a crumbling Empire, the troupe is gradually torn apart by ill fortune, sickness and tension. Based on the true story of the Lilliputian Opera Company. |
| 4048 | Murray, Martine Slightly true story of Cedar B Hartley, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781865086231 | Cedar hangs out on the edges of the neighbourhood social circuit with her dog and best friend. Things change when she meets a boy called Kite and finds they have a lot in common. Together they form a circus troupe and put on a performance. |

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| 9216 | ⦿ Murray, Peta Spitting chips | Currency Press | 1995 | 9780868194066 | Spud is angry since her mother died. She is befriended by an old woman who helps her with her grief. A family drama that deals with relationships, friendship and loneliness. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 19914 | ⦿ Murray, Sue Cooking with Hamlet and other solo dramas | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781420212389 | A collection of fifteen monologues, written for students to be able to use in solo performances. Each monologue quickly establishes character, mood and themes relevant to students. In turn funny, confronting, surprising and touching. Some language and adult concepts. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 30923 | ⦿ Murray, Sue Mega dramas | Pan MacMillan | 2009 | 9781420229394 | This collection of eight plays includes information on the major elements of drama, explores different performance styles, plays with traditional tales and shines a light on contemporary Australian issues. Explores themes of friendship, racism, violence, sport, music and family relationships. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 4869 | Murray, Tamsyn Instructions for a second-hand heart | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2016 | 9781474906500 | Jonny has a faulty heart and his time is running out. Niamh has just lost her twin brother in a tragic accident. As their fates collide, soon Jonny is on the mend, but desperate to know more about his donor. When he tracks down Niamh, he only intends to find out about her brother, the first owner of his heart; but he doesn't plan on falling in love...A stunning, tear-jerking novel about grief, guilt, and the unpredictability of love. |
| | Murray, Tamsyn & Miller, Antonia (ill) Completely Cassidy series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 1940 | ⦿ Murrell, Belinda River charm, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781742757124 | Millie lives in the bush with her mother and sister when, with the help of an old charm, she gains access to the past. There we meet Charlotte Atkinson, whose family is in danger of losing their beloved home, as well as their lives, due to marauding convicts, bushrangers and an abusive stepfather. The law is against Charlotte and her mother, but they're determined to survive. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 3015 | Murrell, Belinda Sequin star, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9780857982056 | When Claire finds an old star-shaped brooch covered in sequins, it hurtles her back in time to 1932, when Australia was in the grip of the Great Depression. When she gets a job in a circus, Claire makes friends with Rosina, Jem and a boy called Kit. When Kit is kidnapped, the others must try to save him. But, Claire is wondering just who Kit and Rosina really are. One is escaping poverty and the other is escaping wealth. |
| 660693 | Nagai, Mariko Under the broken sky | Pan MacMillan | 2019 | 9781250159212 | This verse novel tells the beautiful and tragic story of the lives of Japanese settlers in Manchuria during World War II through the eyes of twelve-year-old Natsu. After her father is conscripted into the Japanese army, Natsu and her little sister, Asa, are left orphaned and destitute, and her whole village is forced to flee the Soviet Army. Living in a constant state of fear and hunger, Natsu and Asa are left adrift in a hostile and unforgiving world, with nothing but their tenacious will to survive. |
| 660613 | Namey, Laura Taylor Library of lost things, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2019 | 9781489287182 | Darcy Wells is a literary genius who has spent most of her time living in the world of her books. There, she escapes the real world of her mother's hoarding and pretends her life is simple and ordinary. When a new property manager becomes more active in the upkeep of their apartment complex suddenly her home hangs in the balance. While Darcy is struggling to survive beneath the weight of her mother's compulsive shopping, Asher Fleet, a former teen pilot with an unexpectedly shattered future, walks into the bookstore where she works and straight into her heart. After spending her whole life trying to keep people out, something about Asher makes Darcy want to open up. Securing her own happily-ever-after will mean she'll need to stop hiding and start living her own truth - even when it's messy. |
| 353 | Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds Shiloh | Aladdin Publishing | 2003 | 9780689862229 | Shiloh, a beagle, is owned by a violent, angry man. Shiloh's rescue comes when Marty appears. |
| 1062 | ⦿Near, Allyse Fairytale for Wilde Girls | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781742758510 | Isola Wilde sees lots of things others don't. But when a dead girl appears at Isola's window, full of threats, Isola needs help. Can her real-life friends and her brother-princes - magical creatures seemingly lifted from the pages of the French fairytales Isola idolises - protect her. Isola needs to uncover the truth behind the dead girl's demise... before the ghost steals Isola's last breath. Explores concepts for older readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 708363 |  Ness, Patrick Burn | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406375503 | Set in middle America in the 1950s, Sarah and her father have hired a belligerent dragon of Russian heritage to clear their land. His arrival signals the beginning of a destiny that spirals beyond anyone's control. This story explores race, sexuality, gender stereotypes and how dragon power can be used for good or for evil. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 8128 |  Ness, Patrick Rest of us just live here, The | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781406331165 | It's not easy when the Chosen One goes to your school. The one who fights the zombies or the soul-eating ghosts or whatever new thing there is. Mikey just wants to graduate and find the courage to ask Henna out before school gets blown up, again. Sometimes, there are problems bigger than this week's end of the world and you have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life. Mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 581488 | Ness, Patrick & Cai, Rovina (ill) And the ocean was our sky | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406383560 | "Call me Bathsheba." The whales of Bathsheba's pod live for the hunt. Led by the formidable Captain Alexandra, they fight a never-ending war against men. Then the whales attack a man ship, and instead of easy prey they find the trail of a myth, a monster, perhaps the devil himself... With their relentless Captain leading the chase, they embark on the final hunt, one that will forever change the worlds of whales and men. |
| 48515 |  Ness, Patrick & Kay, Jim (ill) Monster calls, A | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781406311525 | The monster showed up just after midnight. But, it isn't the monster thirteen year old Conor has been expecting. He expected the one from his nightmare, the one he's had nearly every night since his mother started her treatments for cancer. This monster is different, it's something ancient and wild, and tells Conor three stories. The monster wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor, it wants the truth. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 36184 | Newton, Robert Black dog gang, The | Penguin Books Australia | 2007 | 9780143302148 | Set in The Rocks, Sydney, in the early 20th century. When Frankie first meets his new neighbour, Mickey Collins, he's not sure what to make of the scruffy, tough-talking ratbag. But, when he forms a gang, Mickey soon proves he's quick on his feet and good in a fight. |

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| 9391 | Newton, Robert Mr Romanov's garden in the sky | Penguin Books Australia | 2017 | 9780143309307 | Living in the commission, Lexie is left to fend for herself. Her mother is mostly absent, out searching for something to help her forget the tragic death of Lexie's dad. After witnessing the aftermath of a shocking incident, Lexie finds solace in the most unlikely of places, a troubled old man called The Creeper. A chance, life-saving encounter on the commission's roof seeds a friendship between the two and when they enlist the help of Lexie's friend Davey, the three set off on an epic journey; one that will change their lives forever. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 91222 | Newton, Robert My name is Will Thompson | Penguin | 2008 | 9780143303343 | Will Thompson is a bit of a misfit. He verges on dyslexia, provokes numerous family problems and has something of a bizarre view of life. He rises to a degree of fame, if not notoriety, when he and two of his friends take on the state to stop the closing of the Goongara Learning Centre. |
| 17169 | Newton, Robert Runner | Penguin | 2005 | 9780143302070 | A gritty, compelling book, set in Melbourne in the early 1900s. Charlie becomes a runner for an underworld crim, Squizzy Taylor, to support his mother and train to become a professional athlete. Some coarse language used in context. |
| 20836 | Newton, Robert When we were two | Penguin | 2011 | 9780143566830 | Dan and his brother, Eddie, take off for the coast, in search of their lost mother, in search of a better life. But, it's a long road they face and Dan must use all his wits to get them there in one piece. When they are taken under the wing of a group of would-be soldiers, marching over the mountains to join up for the Great War, Dan and Eddie's journey becomes something quite unexpected. |
| 5330 | Nicholas, Beck Last days of us, The | Harlequin | 2017 | 9781489220493 | Six months ago, Zoey's life went off the rails. After the tragic loss of her brother, she partied her way to oblivion, estranged her best friend, Cass, and pushed away her now ex, Finn. But when her destructive behaviour reaches dangerous heights, Zoey realises she needs to pull herself together and get her old life back, including her ex. There's just one complication: Finn is now dating Cass. Now, it's the last week of summer and Zoey, Cass and Finn are setting out on the road trip of a lifetime to see their favourite musician, Gray, perform live, joined by Finn's infuriatingly attractive bad-boy cousin Luc and his vibrant younger sister Jolie. Zoey thinks this is her chance to put things to rights and convince Finn they should get back together. But she wasn't counting on her friends' lingering resentment, Luc's disarming sincerity, and Jolie's infectious love for life to turn her plans upside down. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 846204 | Nichols, Sally Silent stars go by, The | Andersen Press Ltd | 2020 | 9781839131134 | When Margot's fiancé, Harry, went missing in action, she found herself left with a secret which could ruin her life and her family's reputation. Three years later, Harry has returned. Can Margot deal with her devastating secret and reveal the truth to a man she still loves? |
| 221 | Nicholson, John Kimberley warrior: the story of Jandamurra | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 1997 | 9781863738613 | The story of Jandamurra and the struggle for justice by the Bunuba peoples in the late 19th century. |
| 9318 | Nicholson, John Mighty Murray, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9781865085654 | Australia's greatest river system now and then, with many stories about the people who lived on or in the Murray Valley. Includes archaeological finds, Aboriginal legends, riverboat traders and dam engineers. |
| | Nicholson, William Wind on fire trilogy series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 3848 | Nielsen, Susin Optimists die first | Andersen Press Ltd | 2017 | 9781783445585 | Petula has avoided friendship and happiness ever since tragedy struck her family and took her beloved younger sister Maxine. Worse, Petula blames herself. If only she'd kept an eye on her sister, if only she'd sewn the button Maxine choked on better, if only...Now her anxiety is getting out of control, she is forced to attend the world's most hopeless art therapy class. But one day, in walks the Bionic Man: a charming, amazingly tall newcomer called Jacob, who is also an amputee. Petula's ready to freeze him out, just like she did with her former best friend, but when she's paired with Jacob for a class project, there's no denying they have brilliant ideas together - ideas like remaking Wuthering Heights with cats. But Petula and Jacob each have desperately painful secrets in their pasts - and when the truth comes out, there's no way Petula is ready for it. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 751043 | Nieman, Christie Where we begin | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781743535660 | Anna has high expectations for herself and her future. She is hardworking and focussed, but while she would like life outside of studying to stay in the shadows, her family's dark history summons her to the country and to the grandparents she has never met. Anna discovers secrets she never knew existed and answers to questions she never thought to ask. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 124 | 🕒 Nieuwenhuizen, Agnes Family: a collection of short stories | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1994 | 9781863303019 | Sixteen stories, which centre round family life, are written by well-known and unknown writers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 197 | 🕒 Nilsson, Eleanor House guest, The | Puffin Australia | 1997 | 9780140386011 | A gang of children robs houses. Gunna, a member of the gang, finds that one of the houses draws him back and that it is for a reason. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 15540 | Nix, Garth Across the wall | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9781741147018 | A collection of thirteen short stories providing an eclectic mix of Garth Nix's writing spanning several years. Included are an Old Kingdom story, an Arthurian legend, a war story, a western, a traditional tale with a twist and a very funny, choose-your-own-adventure spoof. |
| 660122 | 🕒 Nix, Garth Angel mage | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760630904 | The icon-maker and angel-summoner Liliath, long believed dead, has woken from her century long sleep to pick up the threads of a plan that has already destroyed one kingdom and may yet destroy another. To succeed, Liliath must bring together Agnez the musketeer, Simeon the doctor, Dorotea the mage, and Henri, one of the Cardinal's clerks...and take them into utmost danger. Set in an alternative seventeenth century where angels can be summoned to do the bidding of those with a talent for magic, Angel Mage is an action-packed story of angels, heroes, gunpowder and high magic. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above. |
| 123 | Nix, Garth Fall, The (The seventh tower 1) | Scholastic Australia | 2000 | 9780439176828 | In a land where sunstones provide the only light, Tal tries to save his family from social oblivion. |
| | Nix, Garth Keys to the kingdom series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 751075 | Nix, Garth Left-handed booksellers of London, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760631246 | Eighteen-year-old art student Susan Arkshaw arrives in London in search of her father. But before she can question crime boss Frank Thringley he's turned to dust by the prick of a silver hatpin in the hands of the outrageously attractive Merlin. Merlin is one of the youngest members of a secret society of booksellers with magical powers who police the mythic Old World wherever it impinges on the New World - in addition to running several bookshops, of course! Merlin also has a quest of his own: to find the Old World entity who arranged the murder of his mother. Soon they become involved in an even more urgent task to recover the grail that is the source of the left-handed booksellers' power, before it is used to destroy the booksellers and rouse the hordes of the mythic past. As the search for the grail becomes strangely intertwined with both their quests, they start to wonder... Is Susan's long-lost father a bookseller, or something altogether more mysterious? |
| 9819 | Nix, Garth Newt's emerald | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760112653 | After the Newington Emerald is stolen at the height of a conjured storm, eighteen year old Lady Truthful Newington goes to London to search for the magical heirloom. But, as a well-bred young lady cannot hunt the metropolis for a stolen jewel, she has to disguise herself as a man. Lady Truthful is soon caught up in a dangerous adventure where she must risk her life, her reputation and her heart. Her father's life and even the fate of England may depend upon her recovering the Newington Emerald. |
| | Nix, Garth Old kingdom series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 660732 | Noah, Trevor Born a crime | Hachette Children's Books | 2016 | 9780385689229 | The compelling, inspiring, and comically sublime New York Times bestseller about one man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 89 | Norman, Lilith Climb a lonely hill | HarperCollins Australia | 1984 | 9780006715962 | A prospecting holiday turns into a struggle for survival for two children when their car crashes in an isolated place in the bush, killing their uncle. |
| 9326 | Norrington, Leonie Barrumbi kids, The | Scholastic Australia | 2007 | 9781862914964 | Dale and Tomias, live in the outback. They have a deep love for the wild, ancient land that is their home and move easily between their Aboriginal and white cultures, until someone turns up to spoil their last year at the community school. |

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| 15424 | ⦿Norrington, Leonie Last muster, The | Scholastic Australia | 2004 | 9781862915787 | Shane's family lives on a remote station. Most of the Aboriginal people have been driven off but Red and her grandfather remain. All risk losing their homes when a big company wants to combine five stations. Strong language used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 12417 | ⦿Norrington, Leonie Spirit of Barrumbi, The | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781862915527 | A sequel to, The Barrumbi kids, in which a trip to Barrumbi changes everything. Dale is warned in a dream that his brother, Sean, is in danger. He doesn't know that what happens to Sean will have a devastating effect on the whole community. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 95784 | North, Sterling Young Thomas Edison | Puffin USA | 2009 | 9780142412107 | Tells of the life of Thomas Edison, one of the greatest inventors, responsible for the phonograph, the first medium for recording music, motion pictures and the light bulb. Edison's life and work are of interest, especially as he was profoundly deaf. |
| 7750 | ⦿Nowra, Louis Prince of Afghanistan | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781743314821 | Black parachutes fall from the sky. Young soldiers and a dog are on a rescue mission in a remote part of Afghanistan. But, the mission ends in chaos. Eighteen year old Corporal Mark Hollis and Prince, the dog, embark on a perilous journey. To get back to base, they must navigate an unforgiving landscape and avoid capture or death at the hands of the Taliban. Mark and Prince must depend on each other to survive. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 188 | Noyes, Alfred Highwayman, The | Oxford University Press | 1999 | 9780192723703 | A classic adventure and tragic love story told in verse, about the betrayal of heroic Bess and her dashing highwayman. |
| 76089 | Nunn, Cameron Shadows in the mirror | Black Dog Books | 2006 | 9781742030029 | Set in Hamilton College, the story is presented through the eyes of David and follows his realisation that there are dark forces at work in his school. David befriends a newcomer, Simon, who doesn't fit in and faces bullying and intimidation. When David and Simon discover that bullying resulted in the death of a student a number of years earlier, they set out on a quest for justice. |

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| 621809 | 🕸 Nunn, Malla When the ground is hard | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760524814 | Adele loves being one of the popular girls at Keziah Christian Academy. She knows the upcoming semester at school will be great with her best friend Delia at her side. Then Delia dumps her for a new girl with more money, and Adele is forced to share a room with Lottie, the school pariah, who doesn't pray and defies teachers' orders. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. As they share a copy of Jane Eyre, Lottie's gruff exterior and honesty grow on Adele, and together they take on bullies and protect each other from the vindictive and prejudiced teachers. When a boy goes missing on campus, Adele and Lottie must work together to solve the mystery, in the process learning the true meaning of friendship. |
| 389 | Nunukul, Oodgeroo (Walker, Kath) Stradbroke dreamtime | HarperCollins Australia | 1999 | 9780207198656 | The two halves of this book combine to bring together a collection of Dreaming stories and stories reminiscent of the author's childhood on Stradbroke Island. |
| 846098 | 🕸 Nwosu, Poppy Making friends with Alice Dyson | Wakefield Press | 2019 | 9781743056127 | Alice Dyson knows exactly how she'll be spending her final year of high school: with her head down, concentrating on her textbooks and homework. She's focused on the future, and nothing is going to get in her way. Until a bizarre encounter with the school's most notorious troublemaker derails all her plans, turning Alice into the unwilling centre of attention and her life into one enormous complication. And even worse? Now Teddy Taulai won't leave her alone. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above. |
| 846124 | 🕸 Nwosu, Poppy Road tripping with Pearl Nash | Wakefield Press | 2021 | 9781743058435 | The summer is finally here, and Pearl Nash is on a mission to save her slowly disintegrating friendship with a whirlwind end-of-year road trip. However, suddenly Pearl ends up stuck in the middle of the desert beside Obi Okocha, a boy with an irritating attitude. Add a breakdown, multiple arguments, an AWOL nana and a kiss; the perfect ingredients for a perfect disaster. Or is it? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 846125 | 🕸 Nwosu, Poppy Taking down Evelyn Tait | Wakefield Press | 2020 | 9781743056974 | The door creaks open and standing in the entrance is my absolute worst nightmare. Perfect hair, perfect teeth, perfect brain. Perfect sneer. Evelyn Tait. Taking Down Evelyn Tait is a story about family, friends and embracing who you are. Even if that person is kind of weird. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |




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| 846234 | Nwosu, Poppy (ed) Hometown haunts | Wakefield Press | 2021 | 9781743058640 | This #LoveOzYA anthology - the first to focus entirely on horror - unites a stellar cast of Australia's finest YA authors with talented new and emerging voices, including two graphic artists. The stories in this wide-ranging collection dig deep and go hard. While some are straight-up terrifying rollercoaster rides, others are psychologically rooted in our society's deepest fears and concerns: acceptance and fitting in, love and loss, desire and temptation, and the terror of a world threatened by catastrophic change -- and even collapse. From body horror to the supernatural, hauntings to transformations, and the everyday evil of humans to menacing outside forces, Hometown Haunts will have you glued to your chair... until you leap out of it! Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 803481 | Nye, Naomi Shihab Cast away: poems for our time | Greenwillow | 2021 | 9780062907707 | This collection of trash-inspired poems will have you thinking about what you use, what you re-use, what you throw out and how your choices about refuse impact you and the world around you. Lost buttons. Buried treasure. Wanton filth. Are we taking enough responsibility for our choices? |
| 22306 | O Guilin, Peadar Inferior, The | Corgi Books | 2008 | 9780552555272 | There is but one law, eat or be eaten. Stopmouth and his family know of no other life than the daily battle to survive. For Stopmouth, considered slow-witted hunt-fodder by his tribe, the future looks especially bleak. Then, on the day he is callously betrayed by his brother, a strange and beautiful woman falls from the sky. |
| 480 | O'Brien, Robert Z for Zachariah | Puffin Australia | 1998 | 9780141300313 | Set in the future after a nuclear war, a young girl believes that she is the last person left on earth. A deadly stranger proves her wrong. |
| 12355 | O'Connor, Kerrie Through the tiger's eye | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9781865085388 | Lucy, her little brother and their puppy follow a golden-eyed Tiger into a secret tunnel to a country where strange, bizarre and violent things happen. They try to help the enslaved children of the evil military junta without falling victim to it too. |
| 213 | O'Dell, Scott Island of the blue dolphins | Puffin Australia | 1966 | 9780140302684 | Set in the 1800s, this is a story of a girl's survival on a deserted island. |
| 2444 | O'Loughlin, James Adventures of Sir Roderick the not-very brave, The | Pan MacMillan | 2014 | 9781742614038 | Roderick doesn't want to be a knight. When Queen Emily sends her knights on a grand quest, Sir Roderick wants to stay behind. Reluctantly, he ventures forth beyond the Forest of Gilderang (filled with fearsome creatures) to the Circle of Mountains, home to giant cockroaches. En route, he meets an invisible girl, a talking bear and the most famous sorcerer in the land. |


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| 8009 | O'Meara, Donna Into the volcano | Kids can press | 2005 | 9781553376934 | Volcano researcher and photographer Donna O'Meara describes what it is like to be right there when a volcano erupts and hot lava, scalding steam and acidic ash are falling all around you. |
| 579471 | O'Neil, Cathy Weapons of math destruction: How big data increases inequality and threatens democracy | Penguin | 2017 | 9780141985411 | Even though you may not see them, our world is filled with algorithms. Algorithms that decide what advertisements you will see, what opportunities you will be presented with, and what costs you will have to face during your lifetime. Education, insurance, loans, health, and justice, are all at the mercy of these opaque lines of code. Mathematician and former finance industry worker, Cathy O'Neil has lifted the lid to show what is going on beneath the surface of big data. A fascinating, and frightening, insight into powerful forces that shape our lives everyday. |
| 13032 | Oakes, Colleen Queen of hearts | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2016 | 9780008175399 | This is not a story of happily ever after. Beneath each smile lies a secret, and Alice has not tumbled down the rabbit hole into Wonderland. Not yet... Princess Dinah will one day become the Queen of Hearts. She longs for her father's approval and a future with the boy she loves. But when betrayal breaks her heart and threatens her throne, she is launched into danger. Dinah must stay one step ahead of her enemies or she'll lose not just the crown - it will be off with her head. |
| 774240 | Obama, Michelle Becoming (adapted for younger readers) | Penguin | 2021 | 9780241531815 | What's important is our story, our whole story, including those moments when we feel a little vulnerable . . . Michelle Robinson started life sharing a bedroom with her older brother Craig, in their family's upstairs apartment in her great-aunt's house. Her parents, Fraser and Marian, poured their love and energy into their children. She would go on to become Michelle Obama, the inspirational First Lady of the United States of America. Now adapted for younger readers, with new photographs and a new introduction from Michelle Obama herself, this memoir tells a very personal, and completely inspiring, story of how, through hard work and determination, the girl from the South Side of Chicago built an extraordinary life. Usually read by students inn years 9, 10, or above. |
| 628182 | Ober, Pierre-Jacques & Ober, Jules (ill) & Coonan, Felicity (ill) Good son, The | Candlewick Press | 2019 | 9781536204827 | Pierre wanted to be a good son. He wanted to be a good soldier. But the whole world was at war, and he couldn't be both. |

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| 774242 | ODonoghue, Caroline All our hidden gifts | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781406393095 | Maeve Chambers does not have any special gifts. That is, until she finds a dusty old pack of tarot cards. She finds herself able to give readings with uncanny accuracy. When she reads for an ex-friend, a strange card appears and begins a series of events that ensure Maeve faces her inner demons and a power much older and more powerful than even the cards have proven to be. |
| | Oppel, Kenneth Airborn series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 4296 | Orme, David Blitz | Evans Bros | 2007 | 9780237534448 | London is being bombed and children are evacuated to the country. Since his parents died, Martin can't stand being mothered and so he heads back to the city. But, London is not what he remembers, it's in flames and Martin is in danger. |
| 955 | Orme, David Plague | Evans Bros | 2008 | 9780237535223 | The year is 1665 and the plague has come to the city of London. For apprentice Henry Harper, life will never be the same. His father has died of the plague, and his mother and brother have fled to the country. Now Henry is alone and he must find a way to escape from the city he loves, before he, too, is struck down. |
| 774231 | Orr, Wendy Cuckoo's flight | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760524913 | Clio's family were potters, although her father came from another land and worked with horses. Clio only left the kiln for a short time, to check on her horse, but the consequences of what she saw would change her and her village forever. When raiders are spotted just off the coast, the Goddess asks for the unthinkable. Clio must face many obstacles, deal with grief, find new friends and save a village. Her grandmother creates a statue to save Clio's life, but will it be enough? |
| 2566 | ⦿ Orr, Wendy Leaving it to you | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1992 | 9780207175923 | A story for more mature readers about the tentative friendship between Linda and old Mrs Pugh in the nursing home. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 306 | ⦿ Orr, Wendy Peeling the onion | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9781741149333 | Following a car accident in which her neck is broken, a teenage karate champion has to recover from this tragedy with the help of her family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 568091 | Orr, Wendy Swallow's dance | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760297879 | The noise throws us from our beds. It's too huge to be heard; it bombards us. It's the sound of the end of the world. Leira is about to start her initiation as a priestess when her world is turned upside down. A violent earthquake leaves her home - and her family - in pieces. And the goddess hasn't finished with the island yet. With her family, Leira flees across the sea to Crete, expecting sanctuary. But a volcanic eruption throws the entire world into darkness. After the resulting tsunami, society descends into chaos; the status and privilege of being noble-born reduced to nothing. With her injured mother and elderly nurse, Leira has only the strength and resourcefulness within herself to find safety. |
| 751105 | Ortiz, Amparo Blazewrath games | Pan MacMillan | 2020 | 9781645670797 | Lana Torres has always dreamt of playing for her native Puerto Rico in the Blazewrath Games, a dangerous relay of dragon riders fighting and racing for glory. When the cup is jeopardised by the Sire, a legendary dragon cursed into human form, Lana finds herself navigating an international conspiracy and a world that's deadlier than her beloved sport. |
| 14 | Orwell, George Animal farm | Penguin | 2004 | 9780141187389 | A classic allegory in which the animals take over Manor Farm from their drunken master and all seems to be perfect as everyone is equal under the Seven Commandments. Circumstances change as the pigs become more equal than the others. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 4601 | Osborne, Christine Among believers: Pictorial journey, A | World religions photo library | 2016 | 9780992324018 | Among Believers explores the richness and diversity of the world's mainstream religions: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Sikhism. More than 350 remarkable photographs document worship and the rites of passage rooted in a country's culture, religious festivals, feasts and fasts, meditation, education, sacred foods and places of pilgrimage. |
| | Oseman, Alice Heartstopper series | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 608378 | 🔗 Oseman, Alice Heartstopper: Boy meets boy | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2019 | 9781444951387 | Charlie and Nick are total opposites. Charlie is gay, is a bit of a nerd and plays the drums, while Nick is a star player on the school's rugby team. In fact, they'd never even noticed each other until they were made to sit next to each other. As time passes, Nick and Charlie become close friends. Charlie slowly begins to fall for Nick, who is straight, but love works in mysterious ways. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 & above. |
| 854033 | 🔗 Oseman, Alice Nick and Charlie | HarperCollins Australia | 2015 | 9780008389666 | Absence makes the heart grow fonder, right? Everyone knows that Nick and Charlie are the perfect couple - that they're inseparable. But now Nick is leaving for university, and Charlie will be left behind at Sixth Form. Everyone's asking if they're staying together, which is a stupid question - they're "Nick and Charlie" for goodness sake! But as the time to say goodbye gets inevitably closer, both Nick and Charlie question whether their love is strong enough to survive being apart. Or are they delaying the inevitable? Because everyone knows that first loves rarely last forever. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 807158 | 🔗 Oseman, Alice Solitaire | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2014 | 9780007559220 | My name is Tori Spring. I like to sleep and I like to blog. Last year - before all that stuff with Charlie and before I had to face the harsh realities of A-Levels and university applications and the fact that one day I really will have to start talking to people - I had friends. Things were very different, I guess, but that's all over now. Now there's Solitaire. And Michael Holden. I don't know what Solitaire are trying to do, and I don't care about Michael Holden. I really don't. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 above. This novel depicts a number of mental health issues including depression, eating disorders and OCD. Please refer to the author's website for information about potentially triggering ideas and content. |
| 869572 | 🔗 Oseman, Alice This winter | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2020 | 9780008412937 | The festive season isn't always happy for Tori Spring and her brother Charlie. And this year's going to be harder than most. "I used to think that difficult was better than boring, but I know better now - I'm not going to think about the past few months, about Charlie and me, and all of the sad. I'm going to block it all out Just for today." "Happy Christmas, " I say." Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 804527 |  Oseman, Alice Radio silence | HarperCollins Australia | 2016 | 9780007559244 | What if everything you set yourself up to be was wrong? Frances has always been a study machine with one goal, elite university. Nothing will stand in her way; not friends, not a guilty secret - not even the person she is on the inside. But when Frances meets Aled, the shy genius behind her favourite podcast, she discovers a new freedom. Then the podcast goes viral and the fragile trust between them is broken. Caught between who she was and who she longs to be, Frances' dreams come crashing down. Suffocating with guilt, she knows that she has to confront her past - She has to confess why Carys disappeared. Meanwhile at uni, Aled is alone, fighting even darker secrets. It's only by facing up to your fears that you can overcome them. And it's only by being your true self that you can find happiness. Frances is going to need every bit of courage she has. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 32473 | Oswald, Debra Blue noise | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741663754 | Ash is drooling over a guitar when he meets Charlie Novak. One jam session later and Charlie convinces Ash to play in his band and Erin to be the keyboard player. Erin thinks Charlie is a fruit loop, with his weird hair and hyperactive rantings. Besides, she's a classical pianist and it'll never work. |
| 5736 |  Oswald, Debra Fifth quest, The | Penguin | 2002 | 9780143300014 | Rosie flirts with the value of friendship and the need to resist the surreal world of television. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 325 | Oswald, Debra Redback leftovers, The | Penguin | 2000 | 9780141304946 | Imagine the worst soccer team that you can think of and then triple it. This is a description of the debut of the Redback Leftovers, one of the most unlikely and inspiring soccer teams you are ever going to meet. |
| 846063 |  Pacat, C S Dark rise | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760875749 | The ancient world of magic is no more. Its heroes are dead, its halls are in ruins and its great battles between Light and Dark are forgotten. Only the Stewards remember. For centuries they have kept vigil, sworn to protect humanity if the Dark King ever returns. Sixteen-year-old dock boy Will is on the run in London, pursued by the men who killed his mother. When an old servant urges him to seek out the Stewards, Will is ushered into a secret world, where he must train to fight for the Light in the oncoming war. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 114052 | Packham, Chris (forward) & Dorling Kindersley Wildlife of the world | Dorling Kindersley | 2015 | 9780241186008 | Spectacular photographs and interesting facts bring you face to face with some of the most fascinating animals on Earth. Journey through scenic and rich animal habitats, from the Amazon rainforest to the Himalayas, the Sahara to the South Pole. Discover how these diverse and fascinating creatures feed, interact, mate, play and survive, and why it is important for them to survive. |
| | Paige, Danielle Dorothy must die series NEW 2019 | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. This series is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 403 |  Pallotta-Chiarolli, Maria Tapestry | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1999 | 9780091838720 | This biography traces five generations of an Australian Italian family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| | Paolini, Christopher Inheritance Cycle series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Parish, Steve & Cox, Karin Amazing facts series | | | | Full of factual information about Australia's past and present. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 317 | Park, Ruth Playing Beatie Bow | Penguin | 1998 | 9780140314601 | Fourteen year old Abigail finds herself transported back to Sydney's Rocks area in the nineteenth century when she follows a mysterious girl, who appeared during a scary game with other children in the neighbourhood. |
| 383 | Parry, Glyn Stoked real life, real surf | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 1994 | 9781863737111 | A lightweight but informative and accurate book comprising chapters that alternate between a humorous history of surfing and sensible advice from Dr Stoke. Excellent illustrations by Jeff Raglus further emphasise the humour. |

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| 620084 | Pascoe, Bruce Young dark emu: A truer history | Magabala Books | 2019 | 9781925360844 | Using the accounts of early European explorers, colonists and farmers, Bruce Pascoe compellingly argues for a reconsideration of the hunter-gatherer label for pre-colonial Aboriginal Australians. He allows the reader to see Australia as it was before Europeans arrived - a land of cultivated farming areas, productive fisheries, permanent homes, and an understanding of the environment and its natural resources that supported thriving villages across the continent. Young Dark Emu - A Truer History asks young readers to consider a different version of Australia's history pre-European colonisation. |
| 57 | Paterson, Katherine Bridge to Terabithia | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2003 | 9780064401845 | Jessie and Leslie are close friends who create a magical world for themselves, until a tragedy happens. |
| 5273 | Paterson, Katherine Brigadista year, My | Candlewick Press | 2018 | 9780763695088 | When thirteen-year-old Lora tells her parents that she wants to join Premier Castro's army of young literacy teachers, her mother screeches to high heaven, and her father roars like a lion. Lora has barely been outside of Havana - why would she throw away her life in a remote shack with no electricity, sleeping on a hammock in somebody's kitchen? But Lora is stubborn: didn't her parents teach her to share what she has with someone in need? Surprisingly, Lora's abuela takes her side, even as she makes Lora promise to come home if things get too hard. But how will Lora know for sure when that time has come? |
| 92 | Paterson, Katherine Come sing, Jimmy Jo | Puffin UK | 1995 | 9780140373974 | Jimmy Jo becomes a great country and western singer and finds his family is not what it seems. |
| 214 | Paterson, Katherine Jacob have I loved | HarperTrophy | 2003 | 9780064403689 | Louise is overshadowed by her talented twin, Caroline, and she has to struggle with her own identity throughout her life. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 241 | Paterson, Katherine Lyddie | Puffin USA | 1995 | 9780140373899 | Lyddie is a survivor of hard times in a nineteenth century American cotton mill. |
| 302 | Paterson, Katherine Parzival: the quest of the Grail Knight | Penguin USA | 2000 | 9780141305738 | Parzival meets three mounted men in armour and is determined to have adventures in the court of King Arthur. |
| | Patterson, James Maximum Ride series | | | | Engaging and fast paced adventure series. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 62378 | Patterson, James & Ledwidge, Michael (cont) Dangerous days of Daniel X, The | Corgi Books | 2008 | 9780552558488 | Fifteen year old alien hunter, Daniel X, is on a mission to finish the job that killed his parents. He wants to wipe out the world's most bloodthirsty aliens on The List. With telepathy and the ability to transform and create, Daniel's got more than a few tricks up his sleeve. But, as he battles towards his top target, Daniel can't forget that, on their lists, there's only one name at the top, and that's his. |
| 11266 | Patterson, James & Rust, Ned Daniel X: watch the skies | Doubleday | 2009 | 9780385614634 | Daniel X has his work cut out for him. A teenage alien hunter, he has a deadly list of evil predators to eliminate and, while he's made it all look easy so far, much darker days await him. Next on his list is Number Five, an unsightly and terrifying alien, who is watching Daniel as intently as Daniel has been tracking him. |
| 62065 | Pattou, Edith North child | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2012 | 9781409540540 | Rose is a North Child and superstition says that she will travel far from home and meet a lonely, icy death. Unaware of her fate, she makes a bargain with a mysterious white bear and is carried to a distant castle. But, once there, Rose unleashes a terrible curse and must embark on an epic journey to save the stranger who has stolen her heart. |
| 182 | Paulsen, Gary Hatchet | Simon SCHUSTER | 1999 | 9780689826993 | The only survivor of a light plane crash in the Canadian wilderness, Brian must learn to exist among wild animals and find a way back to civilisation. |
| 183 | Paulsen, Gary Hatchet: the truth | Macmillan Education Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780330483629 | Gary Paulsen has used his experience, learning the secrets of survival in the remote northern wilderness, to write the Hatchet novels, in which a man crash lands and has to struggle to stay alive. The true-life experiences behind his books. |
| 846273 | Paulsen, Gary Northwind | Pan MacMillan | 2022 | 9781529069327 | The journey of a boy on the knife-edge between life and death, where the raging seas meet a coastal wilderness. When a deadly plague reaches the small fishing camp where he lives, an orphan named Leif is forced to take to the water in a cedar canoe. He flees northward, following a wild, fjord-riven shore. The deeper into his journey, the closer Leif comes to his truest self as he connects to the heartbeat of the ocean ... the pulse of the sea.' |
| 368 | Paulsen, Gary Soldier's heart | Laurel Leaf | 2000 | 9780440228387 | Charley Goddard goes to fight in the American Civil War. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 69 | Pausacker, Jenny Can you keep a secret | Dutton Children's Books | 2001 | 9780525458401 | An historical, political thriller set in Melbourne during the Depression in the 1930s. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 3047 | ⊙ Pausacker, Jenny My Australian story: A tale of two families, the diary of Jan Packard, Melbourne, 1974 | Scholastic Australia | 2003 | 9781865042657 | Set in the seventies, Jan Packard is a Melbourne thirteen year old growing up in changing times. She discovers the sexual revolution, politics, the anti-Vietnam moratorium, the impact of war service, boys and that parents are fallible and human. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 418 | Pearce, Philippa Tom's midnight garden | Oxford University Press | 1998 | 9780192717771 | Tom finds a wonderful garden that only appears when the clock strikes thirteen. |
| | Pearson, Luke Hilda graphic novel series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 15942 | ⊙ Peet, Mal Exposure | Walker Books | 2008 | 9781406306491 | The controversial marriage of Otello, black football star, and Desmerelda, socialite and white pop icon, attracts jealousy and betrayal. The poor, street kids like Bush fight just as desperately for their family to survive. Realistic street language and drug references. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 483 | ⊙ Peet, Mal Keeper | Walker Books | 2006 | 9781406304107 | El Gato, one of the world's greatest football players, tells the story of his life growing up in the forest in South America and of the ghostly keeper who taught him how to play soccer. Some adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 97736 | ⊙ Peet, Mal Penalty, The | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406309362 | As the city of San Juan pulses to summer's sluggish beat, its teenage football prodigy El Brujito, the Little Magician, vanishes without trace. Paul Faustino, South America's top sports journalist, is reluctantly drawn into the mystery. As a story of corruption and murder unfolds, he is forced to confront a bitter history of slavery, and the power of the occult. Includes some adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 660434 | Peet, Mal and Shoard, Emma (ill) Family tree, The | Barrington Stoke | 2018 | 9781781128053 | The Nest was the best thing my dad ever built, and he built it for me. He built it when we moved into the new house - him, me and Mum. I thought it was wonderful. Outrageous. But then Dad went there to hide from the world, and from Mum, and everything started to go wrong... |

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| 123078 | Pennington, Kate Brief candle | Hodder Children's Books (UK) | 2004 | 9780340873700 | Based on the adventures of the Bronte sisters, Charlotte and Emily, and their brother, Branwell. Cooped up inside the bleak parsonage in winter, they write adventures for the heroes of their secret worlds. One day, Emily escapes to the moor and finds a mysterious outcast, Heslington, whose story of lost love intrigues her. She resolves to help him. |
| 9282 | Pepper, Dennis Young Oxford book of aliens, The | Oxford University Press | 2000 | 9780192781772 | An excellent collection of classic and modern stories which speculate about the nature of aliens. |
| 3068 | Perera, Anna Glass collector, The | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2011 | 9780732291532 | In Cairo, fifteen year old Aaron makes a living gathering garbage. But, Aaron has dreams of a better life, which includes Rachel who looks after the ponies that pull the stinking garbage carts. Aaron's skill at sorting glass is the only thing that keeps him alive. His mother is dead and his stepfather and stepbrother bully him. Aaron makes a choice that changes his life. Usually read by students in Years 9,10 or above. |
| 5603 | Perera, Anna Guantanamo boy | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2009 | 9780732288952 | Fifteen year old Khalid isn't too excited about visiting his family in Pakistan but his Mum and Dad want him to go with them. For Khalid, a living nightmare begins. He is kidnapped and forced to go to a place no teenager should ever see, a place where torture and terror are considered normal. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 102917 | Perrett, Bryan My story: U-boat hunter, Peter Rogers, HMS Arum 1939-1945 | Scholastic UK | 2005 | 9780439959384 | Peter is the son of a merchant sailor during the Second World War whose father survives a bombing by a German U-Boat. This motivates Peter to be more actively involved in the English war effort. |
| 660510 | Perry, Ellyse Perspective | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9781460758083 | From the lessons of a high-performance athlete's career to appreciating the small things in life - this inspiring illustrated book, for fans of Ellyse Perry, features stories and reflections from her childhood and career on the themes of dreaming, belief, work, resilience, acceptance, opportunity, balance and perseverance - and their importance in everything we do. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 9263 | Peters, Andrew Fusek Out of order: between age poems | Evans Bros | 2002 | 9780237522902 | An anthology that identifies the many issues of older adolescents' angst. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2765 | Peters, Cheree Time catcher | Ford Street Publishing | 2016 | 9781925272215 | In a post-apocalyptic world of rigid rules, Althea's luxurious life is turned upside-down when she is kidnapped by the dreaded Variants, genetically evolved mutants who can travel through space at will. Betrayed by those she trusts most, Althea is forced to question everything she thought she knew, including who she is and what she's capable of. Althea must separate deception from truth to claim her own power. |

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| 667362 | Peters, Helen Anna at war | Nosy Crow Ltd | 2019 | 9781788004718 | As life for German Jews becomes ever more dangerous, Anna's parents make the desperate decision to send her to England. But the war follows her to Kent, and soon Anna finds herself caught up in a web of secrecy and betrayal. How can she prove whose side she's on when she can't tell anyone the truth? But actions speak louder than words, and Anna has a risky plan. |
| 12377 | Peters, Julie Anne Define normal | Little, Brown CO | | 9780316734899 | Two very different girls, the punk and the goody-goody, are forced together in a peer-counselling situation at their school. Surprisingly, they find they have some things in common. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 6828 | Peyton, K M Minna's quest | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2007 | 9780746078815 | Men and women prove their worth in this exciting adventure. Minna, a Briton and a blacksmith's daughter, raises a sickly foal, commandeered by her brother, Cerdic, when he joins the soldiers. As bloodthirsty pirates plan to waylay the tiny Roman outpost, Cerdic and Minna risk all so that she can find reinforcements to save all their lives and that of her beloved defender, Theo. |
| 6004 | Phelan, Matt Snow White: a graphic novel | Candlewick Press | 2016 | 9780763672331 | It's 1928 and the glitz and glam of show business in pre-Depression era New York City is in full swing. The lights are bright for financiers and those who entertain them, and life seems good in the big city. But, in one house, a little girl is sent away by her cold, ruthless stepmother. She does not return until it's too late. The market has crashed, her father is gone and her stepmother is even more desperate for wealth and attention. |
| 51865 | Philbrick, Rodman Lobster boy | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2008 | 9780746090824 | Skiff Beaman needs to fix his family's fishing boat but, to do this, he needs money. With his Dad spending his days on the TV couch since his mother died, Skiff decides that fishing for Bluefin tuna is his only solution. |
| 3343 | Philip, Gillian Sea fever | Evans Bros | 2008 | 9780237537289 | Saul loves the water but his dad hates it. Saul's mum walked into the sea and drowned. Now Saul's dad has moved him far away and Saul yearns for the sea. |
| 3464 | Phommavanh, Oliver Punchlines | Puffin Australia | 2012 | 9780143306511 | Johnny has seen his childhood bestie turn into an attractive teenage girl that he now wants to turn into his girlfriend. How can he get her to see through the boy she is going out with, turn to Johnny and come to take him seriously. He will use all his comedic wit and romance her with entertainment. |
| | Pierce, Tamora Beka Cooper series | | | | Science fiction/fantasy series. Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. See Series lists for individual titles. |

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| 14232 | Pierce, Tamora Melting stones | Omnibus Books | 2008 | 9781862918030 | Four years have passed since Evvy left the streets of Chammur to begin her training as a stone mage. At fourteen, she's unhappy to be on a new journey with her mentor, prickly green mage Rosethorn, who has been called to the Battle Islands to determine why the plants and animals there are dying. |
| | Pierce, Tamora Protector of the small series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Pierce, Tamora Song of the lioness series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Pierce, Tamora The circle opens series | | | | Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series. |
| | Pierce, Tamora The Immortals quartet series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 6636 | Pierce, Tamora Tortall and other lands: a collection of tales | Omnibus Books | 2011 | 9781862919167 | A collection of eleven tales from the land of Tortall, featuring both previously unknown characters and old friends. |
| 38191 | Pike, Aprilynne Wings | HarperCollins US | 2009 | 9780007319732 | In a new city and new school, Laurel is apprehensive about how she will fit in. When something blooms in the middle of her back, Laurel discovers that she is a faerie and was placed with human parents as a child. As Laurel learns about her true background and the dangers that face the faerie realm, she struggles to find her place in both worlds. |

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| 6321 | Pitcher, Annabel My sister lives on the mantelpiece | Orion | 2011 | 9781444001839 | Since the death of his sister, Rose, in a terrorist attack, life for ten year old Jamie has been torn apart. A move to the country with his dad and older sister only increases Jamie's torment. His father mourns through alcohol and a wild rage against the killers. Jamie is bullied at his new school and yearns for his absent mother. Jamie knows he should feel sadder but he barely remembers his sister. |
| 660769 | Pitt, Turia and Corbett, Bryce Unmasked | Penguin | 2018 | 9780143790396 | Turia Pitt is living proof that, with the right mindset, we truly can achieve anything. This is her story. Told against the backdrop of a never-ending series of impressive physical feats, not least her incredible recovery after the fire - this book un masks the real Turia: funny, fierce, intelligent, flawed. Featuring new material about confidence, goal-setting, happiness and her latest challenge, motherhood. The novel shines a light on the grace, humour and inner-stell that gets Turia through each day |
| 574224 | ⦿Pitts, Byron Be the one | Simon SCHUSTER | 2018 | 9781442483835 | Emmy Award-winning ABC News chief national correspondent and Nightline co-anchor, Byron Pitts shares the heartbreaking and inspiring stories of six young people who overcame impossible circumstances with extraordinary perseverance. This book is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 18556 | ⦿Pluss, Nicole Hope Bay | Puffin Australia | 2005 | 9780143301523 | A friendship between a young adolescent girl called Possum and Olga, a Dutch World War II refugee, reveals past and present histories, connections and relationships. Grief and loss are sensitively handled and resolved. |
| 27648 | ⦿Pluss, Nicole Scout | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143204589 | Life for Kit Lovell has not been easy. She never knew her father, a renowned sea captain who drowned after his ship sank. Kit's grandmother dies and she and her mother are evicted from their home in England. When Kit's mother agrees to marry a man she has never met, they embark on a treacherous and monotonous journey to the far flung colony of South Australia. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 660193 | ⦿Pollock, Tom Heartstream | Walker Books | 2019 | 9781406378184 | Heartstream: The app that allows you to feel everything. Amy Becker is a star. She's used Heartstream to broadcast every moment of her mother's illness. It's the realest, rawest reality TV imaginable, and it's everywhere. On the day of her mother's funeral, she goes home to find a fan of hers in the kitchen. The woman has rigged the house, and herself with explosives - and she's been waiting to talk to Amy for a very long time. Amy is about to discover just how far true obsession can go. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 4924 | Polonsky, Ami Gracefully Grayson | Disney Press | 2014 | 9781423185277 | Raised as a boy, twelve year old Grayson has never felt comfortable in her own skin and longs to be able to express her true gender identity. She is a loner, eating her lunch in the library, trying to avoid the class bullies. Home is not much better. Although she has lived with her aunt, uncle and two cousins for years, she isn't close to them. They don't know the real Grayson. No one does. But, when Grayson impulsively signs up for school play tryouts and then auditions for the leading role, things begin to change. |
| 90623 | Poole, J & Barrett, A (ill) Anne Frank | Red Fox | 2007 | 9780099409762 | Anne Frank is a young Jewish girl in Germany when Adolf Hitler rose to power and began his program to eradicate Jewish people. Anne and her family are forced to take refuge in a small annexe for two years. |
| 574205 | Porath, Jason Rejected princesses: tales of history's boldest heroines, hellions and heretics | HarperCollins US | 2016 | 9780062405371 | Well-behaved women seldom make history. Good thing these women are far from well behaved . . . Rejected Princesses pays homage to an awesome collection of strong, fierce, and yes, sometimes weird, women: warrior queens, soldiers, villains, spies, revolutionaries, and more who refused to behave and meekly accept their place. An entertaining mix of biography, imagery, and humor, this thoroughly researched exploration salutes these awesome women drawn from both historical and fantastical realms, including real life, literature, mythology, and folklore. Each profile features an eye-catching image of both heroic and villainous women in command from across history and around the world, from a princess pirate in fifth century Denmark, to a rebel preacher in 1630s Boston, to a bloodthirsty Hungarian countess, and a former prostitute who commanded a fleet of more than 70,000 men on China's seas. |
| 846242 | Povey, Clare Unexpected tale of Bastien Bon Livre, The | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2021 | 9781474986489 | Bastien Bonlivre is a boy with a big imagination, determined to finish the story his parents started. Olivier Odieux and his villainous brothers are masterminding their greatest plot yet. What connects these two stories is a dangerous secret, a hidden mystery and an unexpected race across Paris for the truth. Can Bastien and his friends, Alice, Theo and Sami, be brave enough to stop Olivier stealing the ending they deserve? |

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| 655997 | Power, Rory Wilder girls | Pan MacMillan | 2019 | 9781529021288 | Raxter's School for Girls was meant to be the perfect place for young woman to receive an outstanding education. But when the Tox hits, leaving most of their teachers dead and their peers' bodies mutated, Raxter's becomes a living nightmare for Hetty, Reese and Byatt. Left to fend for themselves by the authorities, the surviving students of Raxters adhere to the strict quarantine designed to protect them from the wild and mutated beasts that roam the forest. When Byatt goes missing, Hetty is determined to do everything to bring her back - even if it means breaking quarantine and facing the horrors beyond Raxter's fence. Once outside though, she uncovers much more to the Tox and life at Raxter than she ever thought possible. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10, and above |
| 5159 | Poznanski, Ursula & Pattinson, Judith (trans) Erebos | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742379531 | Nick finds himself caught between two worlds, playing a game on the computer that depends on his actions in real life. |
| 114273 | Pratchett, Terry Amazing Maurice and his educated rodents, The | Corgi Books | 2004 | 9780552552028 | Maurice the cat and his friends, a motley group of rats, have gained super intelligence overnight and quickly start scamming human villages with a Pied Piper of Hamelin ruse. |
| 9155 | Pratchett, Terry Nation | Corgi Books | 2009 | 9780552557795 | Mau is the sole survivor of a primitive tribe, wiped out by a terrible natural disaster. He is young but brave and visionary, in this upside-down and dangerous world. He gathers around him, and defends, a strange group, including a feisty young girl and a foul-mouthed parrot. Strong language used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 422 | Pratchett, Terry Truckers | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1991 | 9780552525954 | Under the floorboards of the Store is a world of four-inch-tall nomes that humans never see. It is commonly known among these nomes that Arnold Bros. created the Store for them to live in, and he declared: "Everything Under One Roof." Therefore there can be no such thing as Outside. It just makes sense. That is, until the day a group of nomes arrives on a truck, claiming to be from Outside, talking about Day and Night and Snow and other crazy legends. And they soon uncover devastating news: The Store is about to be demolished. It's up to Masklin, one of the Outside nomes, to devise a daring escape plan that will forever change the nomes' vision of the world. . . |
| 10235 | Pratchett, Terry & Player, Stephen (ill) Wee free men, The | Random House Children's Books | 2008 | 9780385612548 | The trouble on the Aching farm - monsters in the river, headless horsemen in the lane - climaxes when Tiffany's little brother is stolen away. Fortunately, the Nac Mac Feegle - the fighting, thieving, wee free men - will assist in his rescue. Tiffany will have a witty, inventive, sumptuous tale to tell. |

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| 13023 | Press Wulf, Linda Night of the burning | Bloomsbury | 2007 | 9780747590514 | Sisters, Devorah and Nechama, are two of Isaac Ochberg's orphans who have survived the Night of the Burning in Domachevo, Poland, in 1920. With courage and hope, the sisters travel to South Africa for a better life and a desire to find safety and a family that might love them. |
| 16798 | Priestley, Chris Mister Creecher | Bloomsbury | 2011 | 9781408827987 | Suitable for mature readers. We follow the growing relationship between a young pickpocket and 'the creature', as together they pursue the elusive Dr Frankenstein. Set in 1800s London. |
| 272 | Prior, Natalie Jane Mysterious ruins: lost cities and buried treasure | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 1996 | 9781864482478 | From the True Stories series, here are tales of hidden treasure and lost temples deep in the rainforests. |
| 35603 | Provoost, Anne Falling | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760293925 | Lucas' grandfather has died and his mother decides they should stick with their plan to spend summer in his home, even though he is no longer there to enjoy their visit. A chance encounter with Caitlin from next door, a girl he only vaguely remembers from his childhood summer visits, reveals the stark truth that his grandfather's past is a mystery he may wish he hadn't revealed. And when he and Caitlin are faced with a life or death situation, Lucas finds himself being compared to his grandfather for all the wrong reasons. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 5122 | Pryor, Michael Blackout | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780733611810 | An intense, electromagnetic pulse strikes earth, grinding the world to a halt. Holly wakes in the wreckage of a smashed car, next to her unconscious older brother. She sets out on a dangerous and violent quest to bring order to a world gone mad. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9449 | Pryor, Michael Bruno Trask and the dark lady's jewels | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780733614415 | In a world where humans live alongside elves, dwarves, werewolves and ogres, Bruno Trask accidentally gets hold of one of the Dark Lady's jewels. He finds himself on the run from the world's most famous, rich and influential Elf. Fast and satirical. |



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| 35597 | Pryor, Michael Gap year in Ghost Town | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760292768 | Let's get this straight - ghosts are everywhere. And they're dangerous. This is why my family has hunted them for hundreds of years. The Marin family run a two-man operation in inner-city Melbourne. Anton has the ghost-sight, but his father does not. Theirs is a gentle approach to ghost hunting. Rani Cross, combat-skilled ghost hunter from the Company of the Righteous, is all about the slashing. Anton and Rani don't see eye to eye - but with a massive spike in violent ghost manifestations, they must find a way to work together. And what with all the blindingly terrifying brushes with death, Anton must use his gap year to decide if he really wants in on the whole ghost-hunting biz... |
| 198 | Pryor, Michael House of many rooms, The | Louis Braille Audio | 2000 | 9780732024208 | When the Princess and her band of followers are pursued by the Hollow Men, Saul is drawn into their conflict. |
| | Pryor, Michael Laws of magic, The series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 20 | Pugsley, Chris & Lockyer, John Anzacs at Gallipoli, The: a story for Anzac Day | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780734400703 | A simply written, moving account of Australian and New Zealand soldiers' dramatic experiences at Gallipoli, which includes extracts from their letters and diaries, along with graphic photographs. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 20139 | Pulford, Elizabeth Blackthorn's betrayal: honouring a warrior's pledge | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921529030 | Blackthorn's greatest desire, to become a Trahern warrior, is dangling within her reach. But, she must embark on a treacherous mission, deep into enemy territory, to infiltrate the Doane camp. She must locate the stolen daughter of Esil but the stakes are higher than she could ever imagine. As the mission takes a sinister twist, Blackthorn's instincts are put to the ultimate test. |
| 3906 | Pulford, Elizabeth Blackthorn: becoming a forest warrior | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921529443 | Alyana is determined, despite being female, despite being so young, to become a great Trahern warrior. When her father dies, leaving her orphaned, she flees the constraints of her religious uncle's household and lives rough and wild, hunting and fighting in the great forest. Then her worst fears are realised. It is far worse to be captured by her enemies, the Doane, than endure her previous loneliness and isolation. |




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| 47253 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Pullman, Philip Book of dust, The: La Belle Sauvage | Penguin Random House Australia | 2017 | 9780857561084 | Malcolm Polstead's life in the pub beside the Thames is safe and happy enough, if uneventful. But during a winter of unceasing rain the forces of science, religion and politics begin to clash, and as the weather rises to a pitch of ferocity, all of Malcolm's certainties are torn asunder. Finding himself linked to a baby by the name of Lyra, Malcolm is forced to undertake the challenge of his life and to make a dangerous journey that will change his and Lyra forever. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| | Pullman, Philip Dark materials series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 7046 | Pulman, Felicity Ghost boy | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781740519892 | Froggy traces his family history with the ghostly help of Tad, who perished in the smallpox epidemic of 1881. |
| 51083 | Pulman, Felicity Ring through time, A | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2013 | 9780732294885 | Alice's family is proud of their historical links to Norfolk Island and are amazed to find out when they move there that their ancestor is considered to have been a tyrant. Trying to prove them wrong, Alice unearths a previously unknown diary which provides an insight into the way of life in the penal colony during the 1840s including the conflicting attitudes towards the treatment of convicts. |
| | Pulman, Felicity Shalott series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 14234 | Pung, Alice Laurinda | Black Inc | 2014 | 9781863956925 | Laurinda is an exclusive school for girls. At its secret core is the Cabinet, a trio of girls who wield power over their classmates and some of their teachers. Entering this world of wealth and secrets is fifteen year old Lucy Lam, a scholarship girl, who has sharp eyes and a shaky sense of self. As she watches the Cabinet at work, and is courted by them, Lucy finds herself in a battle for her identity and integrity. |
| 27 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Quintana, Anton Baboon king, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780440229070 | Morengaru, a man divided against himself, who is an outcast in the wilderness, must live as an animal. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| | Raasch, Sara Snow like ashes trilogy series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 660770 | Ralph, Vincent Are you watching? | Penguin | 2020 | 9780241367421 | Jessica has been accepted to star in a YouTube reality program where one day a week, she is filmed from wake up until midnight. She and four other applicants are chosen and allocated their days, Monday-Friday. Jess is the Monday star. Her 'hook' is that her mother was the first of 13 women murdered by a serial killer dubbed the The Magpie Man and Jess has vowed to catch him. This show is just the exposure she needs. |
| 5746 | Ramos, Nonieqa Disturbed girl's dictionary, The | Carolrhoda Books | 2018 | 9781512439762 | Macy Cashmere lives with her mother, but her mother doesn't really know how to be a proper, caring parent. Her school has classified her as "disturbed" and she is in a special class due to her behaviours and her learning difficulties. Macy has only one good friend, Alma, but she has offended her. Macy will do anything to win Alma's affection again. Macy's brother has been taken by Child Protection Services and if Macy is to avoid the same fate, her mother needs to shape up and get a real job. Macy's world is fraught with danger and all she wants is to belong. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 578075 | Raphael, Solli Limelight | Penguin Random House Australia | 2018 | 9780143793762 | Age is no barrier to creating poetry that inspires social change and positive action. Thirteen-year-old award-winning slam poet Solli Raphael is taking on the world - one word at a time. The future needs you and me to create equality across all levels of humanity - Solli. |
| 752347 | Reaves, Michael and Reaves, Mallory Eternity's wheel | HarperCollins Australia | 2015 | 9780007523504 | The heart-pounding conclusion to the InterWorld series, by award-winning writers Neil Gaiman, Michael Reaves and Mallory Reaves As the threat of FrostNight looms ever closer, Joey Harker seeks out more of his fellow Walkers across the Altiverse, training them as fast as he can. But even a solid team of recruits can't prepare Joey for the ultimate showdown with InterWorld's enemies, old and new. Joey never wanted to be in charge. But he's the one everyone is looking to now, and he'll have to step up if he has any hope of saving InterWorld, the Multiverse, and everything in between. |

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| | Reeve, Philip Fever Crumb series | | | | Prequel to the Mortal Engines series. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Reeve, Philip Mortal engines series | | | | A ravaged earth is home to predatory cities that move, and an aggressive armed alliance of rebels in the green movement. Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books; up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the Series lists for individual book titles. |
| 20250 | Reichs, Brendan Genesis | Pan MacMillan | 2018 | 9781509869992 | A thrilling sci-fi in which Noah, and sixty-four members of his class are trapped in a computer simulation called Project Nemesis. There are no rules, except survival. The desperate survivors form into groups as the world rapidly descends into chaos and violence. Min and Noah, former friends, are now adversaries in the most deadly of games, where the consequences are more real than any of them know. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above. |
| 18587 | Reid Boyd, Elizabeth & Bray, Abigail Body talk: a power guide for girls | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780733618604 | A self-help book for teenage girls providing advice about coping with bullying, alcohol, drug use, depression and sexual relations. Some coarse language used by girls to describe their feelings. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 104760 | Reid, Sue My story: war nurse, the diary of Kittly Langley, 1939-1940 | Scholastic UK | 2005 | 9780439959025 | Kitty is a VAD (Voluntary Aid Detachment) nurse stationed at Standhaven military hospital. She doesn't know if she has it in her to nurse the young wounded soldiers coming in from France but they desperately need her help. |
| 751166 | Reucassel, Craig Fight for Planet A | ABC Books | 2020 | 9780733341335 | Most Australians know that climate change is real, but many don't know what to do about it and feel powerless. In Fight For Planet A, Reucassel shows it isn't as scary as we think, and we can make a difference to help protect the world for future generations. Learn how to reduce your carbon footprint, with practical day-to-day changes. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |

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| 5344 | Reyl, Hilary Kids like us | Text Publishing Co | 2017 | 9781925498912 | Kids Like Us is the delightful, heartwarming story of Martin, a teenager on the autism spectrum, who falls for Gilberte-Alice, a 'normal' French girl. While spending summer in the French countryside with his mother, Martin mistakes Gilberte for a character in a novel he is obsessed with - Marcel Proust's masterpiece In Search of Lost Time. He gradually realises she is not Gilberte, the fantasy girl, but a real person named Alice. Falling in love, in all its unpredictability, teaches Martin that he can in fact connect, and can get out of his bubble. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 713769 | Reynolds, Jason Long way down | Faber FABER | 2018 | 9780571335121 | Will's brother was shot last night. This morning, he steps onto the elevator, on his way to get revenge. But as the elevator doors open on each floor on the way down to the lobby, ghosts from his past join him. What will he decide to do when he gets to the end of his journey? A powerful verse novel, Long Way Down deals with gun violence and the impact of a cycle of generational trauma. It is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 794372 | Reynolds, Jason Long way down graphic novel | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9780571366019 | Will's brother was shot last night. This morning, he steps onto the elevator, on his way to get revenge. But as the elevator doors open on each floor on the way down to the lobby, ghosts from his past join him. What will he decide to do when he gets to the end of his journey? This graphic novel version of Reynold's Long Way Down deals with gun violence and the impact of a cycle of generational trauma. It is usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 18827 | Richards, Justin & Wardle, David (ill) Doctor Who: Time Lord fairy tales | Puffin UK | 2015 | 9781405920025 | WE ARE ALL STORIES, IN THE END... Fifteen tales of ancient wonder and mystery, passed down through generations of Time Lords. Dark, beautiful and twisted, these stories are filled with nightmarish terrors and heroic triumphs, from across all of time and space. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 and above. |
| 23413 | Richardson, Christopher Empire of the waves: Voyage of the Moon Child | Penguin Books Australia | 2015 | 9780143307549 | Pel Narine is on the edge of war and Anni Tidechild's world is on the brink of change. Uncertain about her past and fearful of the future, Anni lives a life of evasion, avoiding both her guardian, Wavelord Filip Able, and the voice that calls to her from the sea. When she meets Duck Knifetooth, the new friends are catapulted into unforeseen dangers - pirates, a giant, a mysterious ship and ancient creatures of the deep. |
| 152 | Richardson, Henry Handel Getting of wisdom, The | Text Publishing Co | 2001 | 9781876485955 | In this classic story, a young girl is exploring how to lead the life she wishes while she is expected to conform in a Melbourne, all girls' school of the 1880s. |




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| 6062 |  Ridden, Brian Sweet tea | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780734403681 | Issues of racism, love and family grief will appeal to more mature readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2946 | Riddle, Tohby Greatest Gatsby, The: a visual book of grammar | Viking Children's | 2015 | 9780670078684 | Grammar comes alive with stylistic images and typography. A visual journey through the world of grammar, with explanations of the rules and structures we use every day. |
| 587895 | Riddle, Tohby Yahoo creek: An Australian mystery | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760631451 | Throughout the first century or more of Australian settlement by Europeans, the pages of colonial newspapers were haunted by reports of a bewildering phenomenon: the mysterious yahoo or hairy man... |
| 751879 |  Riggs, Ransom Conference of the Birds, The | Penguin | 2021 | 9780241320914 | <p>A fragile peace. An apocryphal warning. Chaos waiting in the heart of the storm. With his dying words, H - Jacob's final connection to his grandfather Abe's secret life - entrusts Jacob with a mission: Deliver newly contacted peculiar Noor Pradesh to an operative known only as V.</p> <p>Noor is being hunted. She is the subject of an ancient prophecy, one that foretells a looming apocalypse. Save Noor, save the future of all peculiardom. But with only a few bewildering clues to follow, time is running out.</p> <p>With enemies behind him and the unknown ahead, Jacob Portman's story continues as he takes a brave leap forward into The Conference of the Birds, the newest installment of the beloved, #1 bestselling Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children series.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above.</p> |

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| 786170 |  Riggs, Ransom Desolations of Devil's Acre, The | Penguin | 2021 | 9780241320945 | The last thing Jacob Portman saw before the world went dark was a terrible, familiar face. Suddenly, he and Noor are back in the place where everything began - his grandfather's house. Jacob doesn't know how they escaped from V's loop to find themselves in Florida. But he does know one thing for certain: Caul has returned. After a narrow getaway from a blood-thirsty hollow, Jacob and Noor reunite with Miss Peregrine and the peculiar children in Devil's Acre. The Acre is being plagued by desolations - weather fronts of ash and blood and bone - a terrible portent of Caul's amassing army. Jacob and his friends will face deadly enemies and race through history's most dangerous loops in this thrilling page-turner, the final adventure in the beloved Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children series. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 6797 |  Riggs, Ransom Hollow City: Second novel of Miss Peregrine's peculiar children | Quirk Books | 2015 | 9781594747359 | September 3, 1940. Ten peculiar children flee an army of deadly monsters. And only one person can help them - but she's trapped in the body of a bird. The extraordinary journey that began in Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children continues as Jacob Portman and his newfound friends journey to London, the peculiar capital of the world. There, they hope to find a cure for their beloved headmistress, Miss Peregrine. But in this war-torn city, hideous surprises lurk around every corner. And before Jacob can deliver the peculiar children to safety, he must make an important decision about his love for Emma Bloom. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 16829 |  Riggs, Ransom Library of souls: The third novel of Miss Peregrine's peculiar children | Quirk Books | 2015 | 9781594748400 | The Library of Souls is the thrilling conclusion to the Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children series. Jacob, who has discovered a new ability, Emma Bloom a girl with a powerful gift of fire and Addison MacHenry, a dog who can find lost children are battling to follow the trail of their friends and beloved Miss Peregrine. They will journey to Devil's Acre, the worst slum of Victorian England times, where the future of all Peculiar Children will be decided. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 & above. |

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| 617360 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Riggs, Ransom Map of Days, A | Penguin | 2018 | 9780141385914 | Having defeated the monstrous threat that nearly destroyed the peculiar world, Jacob Portman is back where his story began, in Florida. Except now Miss Peregrine, Emma, and their peculiar friends are with him, and doing their best to blend in. But carefree days of beach visits and normalling lessons are soon interrupted by a discovery - a subterranean bunker that belonged to Jacob's grandfather, Abe. Clues to Abe's double-life as a peculiar operative start to emerge, secrets long hidden in plain sight. And Jacob begins to learn about the dangerous legacy he has inherited - truths that were part of him long before he walked into Miss Peregrine's time loop. Now, the stakes are higher than ever as Jacob and his friends are thrust into the untamed landscape of American peculiardom - a world with few ymbrynes, or rules - that none of them understand. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 3110 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Riggs, Ransom Miss Peregrine's home for peculiar children | Quirk Books | 2013 | 9781594746031 | An horrific family tragedy sets sixteen year old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, and a strange collection of very curious photographs, it becomes clear that the children who once lived here were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. One of them was his grandfather. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 637173 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Riggs, Ransom Tales of the peculiar | Penguin | 2017 | 9780141371658 | Before Miss Peregrine gave them a home, the story of peculiars was written in the Tales. Wealthy cannibals who dine on the discarded limbs of peculiars. A fork-tongued princess. The origins of the first ymbryne. These are but a few of the truly brilliant stories in Tales of the Peculiar - known to hide information about the peculiar world - first introduced by Ransom Riggs in his Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children series. Riggs now invites you to share his secrets of peculiar history, with a collection of original stories, as collected and annotated by Millard Nullings, ward of Miss Peregrine and scholar of all things peculiar. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| | Riordan, Rick The Kane Chronicles series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 275 | Robinson, Roland Nearest the whiteman gets, The | Hale IREMONGER | 1994 | 9780868063799 | A collection of narratives retelling Aboriginal traditions are written by a non-Aboriginal poet who was made a member of Aboriginal language groups in two Australian states. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 582769 | Rodda, Emily His name was Walter | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2018 | 9781460756188 | Once upon a time, in a dark city far away, there lived a boy called Walter, who had nothing but his name to call his own...' The handwritten book, with its strangely vivid illustrations, has been hidden in the old house for a long, long time. Tonight, four kids and their teacher will find it. Tonight, at last, the haunting story of Walter and the mysterious, tragic girl called Sparrow will be read - right to the very end... |
| 18411 | Rodman, Mary Ann Yankee girl | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2005 | 9780746067499 | Alice Anne Moxley has moved to Mississippi in the deep South of America. The 'Yankee Girl' is taunted by the other girls at school but the first black student suffers much more. Alice wants to stand up for her but, at first, finds it is easier not to. |
| 12419 | Rogers, Gregory Boy, the bear, the baron and the bard, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9781865087221 | A dramatic tale, told in pictures, about a London boy who goes through a window to get back his soccer ball only to find himself in the middle of a Shakespearian production. In his efforts to escape, he is chased by the bard and joined by a bear. |
| 2166 | Rogers, Gregory Hero of Little Street, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741145243 | Escaping from some bullies, Boy slips into a grand, old gallery full of treasures, paintings and mystery. When he is befriended by a little dog, they venture into a famous Dutch painting and are transported to seventeenth century Holland where the streets are dangerous places for a dog. This wordless picture book is part of the Boy Bear series, which includes The Boy, the Bear, the Baron, the Bard and Midsummer Knight. |
| 54303 | Rogers, Gregory Midsummer knight | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2007 | 9781741754827 | A courageous bear and a bold boy find themselves in a magical forest full of faeries. Unfortunately, the bear ends up in a dungeon but he devises a clever escape, and goes into battle to save the monarch. This wordless picture book, a companion to The boy, the bear, the baron, the bard, is loosely based on Shakespeare's play, A midsummer night's dream. |

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| 6096 | Rooney, Anne Soldier boy | Evans Bros | 2008 | 9780237537272 | Drew isn't worried when his little brother, Martin, digs up a bone in the garden. Bu, Martin finds more bones in the shape of a hand, which then starts leaving spooky messages for Drew. |
| 14725 | Rosen, Michael What's so special about Dickens | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406302035 | Charles Dickens is one of the world's greatest novelists whose stories have been translated and adapted into plays, films, cartoons, musicals and television dramas. An engaging and witty exploration of the man behind the pen, what inspired him and four of his best-known novels; Oliver Twist, A Christmas Carol, Great Expectations and David Copperfield. |
| 67757 | Rosen, Michael What's so special about Shakespeare | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406300369 | Someone somewhere is the world is reading, writing or quoting Shakespeare, acting in or watching his plays. An engaging and witty exploration of Shakespeare's life, the tumultuous times in which he lived and four of his plays, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth, King Lear and The Tempest. |
| 18690 | Rosen, Michael & Blake, Quentin (ill) Michael Rosen's sad book | Walker Books | 2004 | 9780744598988 | A very personal story about the loss of a loved one. It speaks to everyone whether they have experienced grief or not. |
| 1278 | Ross, John & Booth, Anne Every picture tells a story | Thames and Hudson (Australia) Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9780980354034 | Artworks from the National Gallery of Australia convey the history and development of Australian culture. Each double page spread features an aspect of our heritage, including the first Australians, convicts, the gold rush, explorers, a love of the beach and the diversity of the land. |
| 2324 | Ross, Monkey Mark Raps 4 big fullas | Indij Readers | 2004 | 9780975686027 | Raps and chants that are written by Indigenous Australians and use Aboriginal English will appeal to Aboriginal children. |
| 5633 | Ross, Rebecca Queen's rising, The | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2018 | 9780008245986 | Brienna has lived her whole life in the shadow of her dual heritage. Her Mother was Valenian, a society based around politeness, formality, and academic pursuits, while her father whose name she has never been told to protect her identity hails from the Queen's Realm of Maevana that values strength, bravery and battle prowess. Determined to escape the stigma of her heritage, Brienna strives to master her passion at the prestigious Magnalia House in Valenia and be chosen by a patron to secure her future. But Maevana has long suffered under the rule of a cruel king with no claim to the throne and Brienna's heritage holds the key to unseating this cruel despot. |
| 15153 | Ross, Stewart Only a matter of time: a story from Kosovo | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2001 | 9780750237338 | Drita, an Albanian, and Zoran, a Serb, become friends but this is Kosovo, and Serb-Albanian tension is rising. They find their families are now enemies and they are forced to meet in secret. They are about to begin a fight for their lives. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 15381 | Ross, Stewart William Shakespeare: poet and playwright | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2004 | 9780750244930 | An overview of the life and plays of this famous poet and playwright. |
| | Roth, Veronica Divergent series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 660475 |  Roth, Veronica End and other beginnings, The: Stories from the future | HarperCollins US | 2019 | 9780008347772 | Within this masterful collection, each setting is more strange and wonderful than the last, brimming with new technologies. Yet for all of the advances in these futuristic lands, the people must still confront deeply human problems. In these six short stories, Veronica Roth reaches into the unknown and draws forth something startlingly familiar and profoundly beautiful. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 571642 |  Rowell, Rainbow Carry on | Pan MacMillan | 2016 | 9781250135025 | Simon Snow might be the worst Chosen One ever, at least according to his roommate, Baz. And Baz might be evil and a vampire, but he could also be right. Most of the time, Simon can't make his wand work, he mostly can't find his mentor, and there's a magic-eating monster causing mayhem. Baz would be loving it, except he hasn't even bothered to come back to school for the final year. Carry On is a ghost story, a love story and a mystery. You think you've read this book before, but you haven't. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 7320 |  Rowell, Rainbow Eleanor and Park | Orion | 2014 | 9781409157250 | Eleanor is new in town. And she stands out instead of fitting in, with her mismatched clothes, her wild red hair and her chaotic home life. The day she sits in the seat next to Park on the bus, impossibly cool Park, she starts to learn what it means to fall in love. Set over the course of one school year, Eleanor and Park fall in love thanks to late-night conversations and a stack of mix tapes. They have nothing and everything to lose. They are more real than any other character you will ever meet. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 660042 | Rowell, Rainbow Wayward son | Pan MacMillan | 2019 | 9781509896899 | The story is supposed to be over. Simon Snow did everything he was supposed to do. He beat the villain. He won the war. He even fell in love. Now comes the good part, right? Now comes the happily ever after... So why can't Simon Snow get off the couch? What he needs, according to his best friend, is a change of scenery. He just needs to see himself in a new light... That's how Simon and Penny and Baz end up in a vintage convertible, tearing across the American West. They find trouble, of course. (Dragons, vampires, skunk-headed things with shotguns.) And they get lost. They get so lost, they start to wonder whether they ever knew where they were headed in the first place... Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 751196 | Rowland, Michael (ed) Black Summer: Stories of loss, courage and community from the 2019-2020 bushfires | ABC Books | 2021 | 9780733341328 | The bushfire season of 2019 and 2020 was the most catastrophic on record and the loss of lives, homes, property, habitat and wildlife were unprecedented. ABC journalists were present during these crises and reported information and updates on the growing fires. They gathered the many stories which can help those in the future understand what happened with the hope that lessons can be learned. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 7004 | Roy, James Hunting elephants | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741663266 | Harry and his family head out to the country for Uncle Frank's fourth wedding. Family tensions are high and there is mystery about his uncle's experiences in the Vietnam War. Harry also has his own scars and issues to deal with around the death of his brother. A story about finding truth in unlikely places and moving on. |
| 1905 | Roy, James & Zihabamwe, Noel One thousand hills | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781742990750 | Agabande, Rwanda, April 1994. Pascal and the children in his small village play with the toys they make, go to school and church, and do their chores. But, there are whispers and looks, messages of hate on the radio, and people are leaving. Pascal's simple but happy world is about to change forever. As a ten year old, co-author Noel Zihabamwe actually lived through these atrocities. |
| 8521 | Roy, Jennifer Yellow star | Frances Lincoln | 2009 | 9781845079086 | In 1939, Sylvia is four years old when the Germans invade Poland and her family is forced into the Lodz ghetto, with more than a quarter of a million other Jews. Only twelve children survived the ghetto, and Sylvia was one of them. Her niece, the author, writes Sylvia's story in non-rhyming verse, using Sylvia's voice and perspectives. |

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| 25 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Rubinstein, Gillian At Ardilla | Penguin | 2001 | | Jen returns to Ardilla, a well-loved, old holiday home, and struggles to understand the changing relationships between families and friends. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 144 | Rubinstein, Gillian Foxspell | Hyland House | 1996 | 9781875657728 | A boy finds that he is drawn to the lives of foxes that live near his grandmother's home. |
| 1827 | Rubinstein, Gillian Galax-Arena | Puffin Australia | 2001 | 9780141310244 | A gripping read that tells the tale of children kidnapped and forced to become participants in a bizarre circus. |
| 372 | Rubinstein, Gillian Space demons | Scholastic Australia | 1997 | 9781862912878 | Four children battle the space demons in a dangerous computer game. |
| 10698 | Rubinstein, Gillian Whale's child, The | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 2002 | 9780733614453 | Ken has been having problems with his training for squad swimming. The unexpected discovery of a Japanese relative and her tales of the migrating whales help him to succeed. |
| 43463 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Rushby, A.J. Fifth room, The | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781742762548 | What if there was a secret organisation of the leading medical experts that allowed young medical students to carry human experiments out - on themselves? This is the premise of this psychological thriller. Miri is a gifted 17 year old medical student who is willing to test her theories on herself. But, who really is in control? What is Miri up against, and what has she got to loose? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5921 | Rushby, Pamela Ratcatcher's daughter, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2014 | 9780732297138 | In 1900, thirteen year old Issy McKelvie reluctantly leaves school to start her first job in an undertakers. She hates it but there's worse to come. Issy becomes an unwilling rat-catcher when the plague, the Black Death, arrives in Australia. She loathes the rats and her father's four yappy, snappy, hyperactive rat-killing terriers. But, when her dad becomes ill, Issy must join the battle to rid the city of the plague-carrying rats. |
| 4231 | Rushby, Pamela Sing a rebel song | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9781742991344 | Twelve year old Maggie McAllister and her family are caught up in one of the most dramatic events in Australia's history, the Shearers' Strike. In 1891, trouble erupted between the Shearers' Union, the pastoralists and the government. Through her writing, Maggie plays her part in the Union's struggle although her friends do not see things the same way. Singing a rebel song may have heartbreaking consequences for Maggie. |
| 4592 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Rushby, Pamela When the hipchicks went to war | Lothian Books | 2009 | 9780734410917 | The sixties are in full swing and, for sixteen year old Kathy, it's all about miniskirts, the Beatles and her fab new boots. But, the world is rapidly changing, her brother is fighting in the Vietnam War and her best friend is protesting against it. When the chance comes to dance with an entertainment troop in Vietnam, Kathy slips on her boots and leaves her convent school. She soon finds the reality of war is no song and dance. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |


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| 717578 | Rushby, Pamela and Pierce, Nelle May (ill) Mummy smugglers of Crumblin Castle, The | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760651930 | Orphaned twelve-year-old Hattie travels to the remote and mist-shrouded Fens to live with her Egypt-obsessed aunt and uncle. It is 1873 in England. Her aunt hosts ancient Egyptian mummy-unwrapping parties in London, aided by the mysterious and sinister Ravens. When the mummy supply unexpectedly runs out, the family embarks on a perilous and illegal search for more, a thousand miles up the Nile. |
| 2094 | Rushdie, Salman Haroun and the sea of stories | Puffin Australia | 1993 | 9780140366501 | Haroun's father is the greatest of all storytellers. His magical stories bring laughter to the sad city of Alifbay. One terrible day, everything goes wrong and his father runs out of stories to tell. Haroun is determined to return the storyteller's gift. |
| 12706 | Rushton, Abbie Unspeakable | Atom Publishing | 2015 | 9780349002064 | Fifteen year old Megan has not spoken aloud since the accidental death of her friend, Hana. There are things locked inside her head that she cannot, must not, let out. She is targeted by the school bullies but, when Jasmine arrives, Megan finds an unexpected ally. Megan and Jasmine's closeness brings unexpected feelings to the fore and relationships become tense. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5403 | Russon, Penni Endsister, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781741750652 | Meet the Outhwaite children. There's teenage Else, the violinist who abandons her violin. There's nature-loving Clancy. There's the inseparable twins, Oscar-and-Finn, Finn-and-Oscar. And then there is Sibbi, the baby of the family. They all live contentedly squabbling in a cottage surrounded by trees and possums...until a letter arrives to say they have inherited the old family home in London. Outhwaite House is full of old shadows and new possibilities. The boys quickly find their feet in London, and Else is hoping to reinvent herself. But Sibbi is misbehaving, growing thinner and paler by the day, and she won't stop talking about the mysterious endsister. Meanwhile Almost Annie and Hardly Alice, the resident ghosts, are tied to the house for reasons they have long forgotten, watching the world around them change, but never leaving. The one thing they all agree on - the living and the dead - is never, ever to open the attic door...Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 59956 | Sachar, Louis Cardturner, The | Bloomsbury | 2011 | 9781408808511 | Alton's girlfriend has dumped him, he has no money and no job, so it looks like a long summer holiday ahead. Then he is asked to drive his old, blind and sick uncle to play bridge. His parents are desperate for him to get in his uncle's good books, but Alton soon finds himself enjoying his uncle's company, as well as playing bridge. |

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| 192 | Sachar, Louis Holes | Bloomsbury | 2003 | 9780747563662 | Stanley is not surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre. Nor is he surprised when he is told that his daily labour is to dig a hole, five foot wide and five foot deep, and report anything he finds in it. |
| 18483 | ⦿ Sachar, Louis Small steps | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780747591252 | Theodore 'Armpit' Johnson is determined to finish school, save money and become a respected member of society again. He may be the victim, the perpetrator or the hero of a violent crime in this amusing, sensitive and highly suspenseful story. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 19063 | ⦿ Saenz, Benjamin Alire Aristotle and Dante discover the secrets of the universe | Simon SCHUSTER | 2014 | 9781442408937 | Aristotle is angry and self-doubting, with a brother in prison. Dante is self-assured, with an unusual way of viewing the world. They would seem to have nothing in common. But, as the loners spend time together, a special bond develops. Through their friendship, Ari and Dante learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be. Adult themes and language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 58486 | ⦿ Said, Aimee Finding Freia Lockhart | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781921529153 | Freia is part of a group at school but she feels she really doesn't belong. Somehow, Freia finds herself helping, as a lighting assistant, with the school production, something she never thought she would do. Freia must try to be brave enough to make more changes in her life and let loose the real Freia Lockhart. Adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 52353 | ⦿ Said, Aimee Little sister | Walker Books | 2011 | 9781921529214 | Al Miller wishes she was an only child. Al Miller is counting down the days until her over-achieving older sister Larrie finishes Year Twelve and leaves Whitlam High School for ever. Then, Al is certain, people will finally see her as more than just 'Larrie's little sister'. But when a rumour about Larrie spreads around school, Al finds herself in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. Who's behind the rumour? And will it kill Al's chances with school hunk, Josh Turner? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 35587 | Salamon, Winnie Pretty girls don't eat | Ford Street Publishing | 2017 | 9781925272772 | Sixteen-year-old Winter Mae Jones knows exactly what she wants. A career in fashion design. There's only one thing standing in her way. She's fat. And fat girls don't work in the fashion industry. So Winter decides to take matters into her own hands. She goes on a diet, which at first makes her feel fab and in control. It's only when things get out of hand that she comes to realise that, not only has she less control than she thought, but also that her weight has nothing to do with what's holding her back. |



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| 3154 | Saliba, Sue Alaska | Penguin Books Australia | 2011 | 9780143206118 | When Mia follows her sister halfway across the world to Alaska, she discovers that love can be found in the most unexpected and beautiful of places. Mia must find the courage to follow her heart in Alaska. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 17397 | Saliba, Sue For the forest of a bird | Penguin Books Australia | 2015 | 9780143571780 | Nella is a nature loving, fifteen year old, grieving her father's estrangement and her mother's mental illness. In a bid to restore the family, Nella goes to Phillip Island to bring her Dad home. But, she discovers he has a new partner, whom he plans to marry. Nella also discovers the friendship of an older girl, also with an intense love of nature, who helps Nella understand her relationship with her father. |
| 803568 | Saliba, Sue and Shenfield, Ann Once, at the edge of the sea | self-published | 2021 | 9780648919001 | Alice has always been devoted to the natural world. But one day she inadvertently betrays what matters most to her and so she leaves her island home, planning to begin again, to be the person she thinks she should be. Clinging to a mysterious wooden box, Alice begins a new life in Melbourne where she meets Esmerelda. As their friendship deepens, Alice is forced to choose between living a comforting lie or accepting a more difficult truth. |
| 785299 | Sanders, Cristina Displaced | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781760653347 | Eloise and her family leave Cornwall for a new life in colonial New Zealand. They leave in the hope of a better life but find that expectation does not meet reality and that things do not always go to plan. Eloise is torn leaving the past behind and forging a new life in New Zealand. She struggles with the expectations of her position in society and following her heart. An enthralling historical novel focussing on love, loss, and hope for the future. |
| 32367 | Sauer, Tammi Dear Jack | Futuretrack Australia | 2007 | 9781876603144 | Laney Curtis is in Year 8 when her mother develops breast cancer rejecting chemotherapy because she is pregnant. This touching story describes Laney's struggle with the possibility that her mother may die. Also, Laney develops a plan to snare Andy Carter, a student at her school. Best suited to mature readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 11352 | Savit, Gavriel Anna and the swallow man | Corgi Books | 2016 | 9780552575270 | On 6 November 1939, Anna's father had to go away for a few hours. He left shortly after eleven o'clock and did not come back again. Seven year old Anna is locked out of the apartment and alone. She is hungry and scared, and unsure who she can trust or who she can turn to. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 4249 | Savvides, Irini Against the tide | ABC Books | 2008 | 9780733322907 | Katie and Matt are champion ocean swimmers who love a challenge that will test their training and skills to the limit. Effi and Christie live in a different world which is intense, funny, often overheated and far removed from the beach. When these two worlds meet, in a blend of love and loss, violence and prejudice, only the strongest will succeed in swimming against the tide. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 665705 | Saxby, Claire Haywire | Scholastic Australia | 2020 | 9781742769196 | Life in Germany in 1939 is not safe for 13 year old Max Gruber so he is sent to his Uncle Ferdy in London, only to find himself sent to Australia aboard the famous ship Dunera. Arriving in rural Hay, and housed in an internment camp, he meets local boy Tom. The two new friends become allies, as their lives are affected by the growing conflict in far away Europe. |
| 803503 | Scales, Helen and Feng, Lisk Great Barrier Reef, The | Flying Eye Books | 2021 | 9781912497812 | In the waters where Australia meets the vast Pacific Ocean, grows the world's most famous reef. Schools of fish dart among the colourful corals, octopuses hide in dark corners and sharks patrol the clear waters above. Welcome to the Great Barrier Reef. In this stunning, illustrated guide, discover the plants and animals that live in this vast underwater trove. |
| | Scarrow, Alex TimeRiders series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 5554 | Schlitz, Laura Amy Drowned maiden's hair, A | Candlewick Press | 2008 | 9780763638122 | When fiery Maud Mary Flynn is adopted, she leaves Barbary Asylum with high hopes of being cherished. Little does she know that the sisters who have adopted her require her for their family business, a shadowy extortion racket of the early 19th century that uses spiritualism to fleece the susceptible and tragic. Into this web stumbles Mrs Lambert, grieving mother of a drowned child. |
| 13708 | Schlitz, Laura Amy Hired girl, The | Walker Books | 2015 | 9781406361407 | Fourteen year old Joan Skraggs yearns for real life and true love, just like the heroines in her beloved novels. But, there is little hope for adventure, beauty or art on a farm in Pennsylvania, where the work never ends, looking after her father and three brothers. When she can't take any more, Joan escapes to the city, finding a kitchen maid's position in a Jewish household. Here, she grows as a person and her strict religious upbringing is tempered, as she learns more about her employers' beliefs and world events. |

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| 660745 | Scholte, Astrid Vanishing deep, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760525576 | A world of water is all seventeen-year-old Tempe has ever known. When the Great Waves destroyed her planet, its people had to learn to survive living on the water. Relics of the old world hold great value, so Tempe spends her days diving through drowned cities to scavenge anything of value to trade for notes. But it's not food or riches Tempe is after, but the chance to buy back her dead sister's life for 24 hours. But it's not a heartfelt reunion Tempe is after. Her sister died keeping a terrible secret, and she wants answers. |
| 5989 | Schow, Betsy Spelled | Sourcebooks Inc | 2018 | 9781492608714 | Fairy Tale Survival Rule #32: If you find yourself at the mercy of a wicked witch, sing a romantic ballad and wait for your Prince Charming to save the day. Yeah, no thanks. Dorthea is completely prined out. Sure being the crown princess of Emerald has its perks - like Glenda Original ball gowns and Hans Christian Louboutin heels. But a forced marriage to the not-so-charming prince Kato is so not what Dorthea had in mind for her enchanted future. Talk about unhappily ever after. Trying to fix her prince problem by wishing on a (cursed) star royally backfires, leaving the kingdom in chaos and her parents stuck in some place called "Kansas." Now it's up to Dorthea and her pixied off prince to find the mysterious Wizard of Oz and undo the curse...before it releases the wickedest witch of all and spells The End for the world of Story. |
| 618973 | Schow, Betsy Wanted | Sourcebooks Inc | 2017 | 9781492635994 | Fairy-Tale Survival Rule No. 52: No matter how difficult the obstacles or all-powerful the evil villain, one can rest assured that the hero of the story never dies. The sidekicks though...they should be worried. Rexi Hood is proud to be an outlaw. After all, she's the daughter of the infamous Robin Hood. But sidekick? Accomplice? Sorry, that wasn't in her story description. Yeah, she and Princess Dorthea of Emerald have been inseparable since they teamed up to fight the wickedest witch. But if Rexi doesn't figure out how to break the curse that binds them, forget being overshadowed by the spirited princess, Rexi's going to become a Forgotten, wiped from the pages of Story and reduced to a puddle of ink. Not happening. No way in Spell. |

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| 5369 | Schreier, Eliot Lost rainforest, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9780062839596 | Not for the fainted-hearted! The creatures of the magical rainforest of Caldera needs the help of a young panther cub, Mez. With the help of a brave young bat, a knowledgeable frog and a somewhat nervous monkey, Mez travels through the rainforest to combat a dangerous and reawakened evil. This is a suspenseful and exciting novel. |
| 2266 | Schumann, John & Smith, Craig (ill) I was only nineteen | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743317235 | The unforgettable lyrics about the Vietnam War are etched in our memories and brought to life in this picture book. |
| 864712 |  Schwab, V E Gallant | Titan Books | 2022 | 9781803360355 | Sixteen-year-old Olivia Prior is missing three things: a mother, a father and a voice. Her only companions are the ghouls she sees and her mother's journal, which captured a mind in turmoil. Until she receives a letter from an uncle she's never met, summoning her to his estate - Gallant. But when she arrives, she discovers her uncle is dead and the estate is empty, save for her cousin Matthew and the servants. Gallant is a house of secrets. Olivia searches for answers about her family, her past, she discovers a dark reflection of everything she knew, an ancient realm where ghosts take form and the dark master sits waiting for her... Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 18123 | Schwarz, Hans Draw buildings and cityscapes | A C Black | 2004 | 9780713669718 | This book offers an exciting and interesting approach to drawing buildings and cityscapes. It includes detailed, step-by-step instructions and useful advice on composition and drawing techniques. |
| | Scott, Michael Secrets of the immortal Nicholas Flamel series | | | | This adventure series combines legend, mythology and history. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 20252 | Sebastian, Laura Ash princess | Pan MacMillan | 2018 | 9781760555504 | Theodosia was six when her country was invaded and her mother, the Fire Queen, was murdered before her eyes. On that day, the Kaiser took Theodosia's family, her land, and her name. Theo was crowned Ash Princess - a title of shame to bear in her new life as a prisoner. For ten years Theo has been a captive in her own palace. She's endured the relentless abuse and ridicule of the Kaiser and his court. She is powerless, surviving in her new world only by burying the girl she was deep inside. Then, one night the Kaiser forces her to do the unthinkable. With blood on her hands and all hope of reclaiming her throne lost, she realizes that surviving is no longer enough. But she does have a weapon: her mind is sharper than any sword. And power isn't always won on the battlefield. |
| | Sebastian, Laura Ash princess series | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 588175 | Sebastian, Laura Lady smoke | Pan MacMillan | 2019 | 9781760559106 | The Kaiser murdered Theodosia's mother, the Fire Queen, when Theo was only six. He took Theo's country and kept her prisoner, crowning her Ash Princess - a pet to toy with and humiliate for ten long years. That era has ended. The Kaiser thought his prisoner weak and defenceless. He didn't realise that a sharp mind is the deadliest weapon. Theo no longer wears a crown of ashes. She has taken back her rightful title, and a hostage - Prinz Soren. But her people remain enslaved under the Kaiser's rule, and now she is thousands of miles away from them and her throne. To get them back, she will need an army. Only, securing an army means she must trust her aunt, the dreaded pirate Dragonsbane. And according to Dragonsbane, an army can only be produced if Theo takes a husband. Something an Astrean Queen has never done. Theo knows that freedom comes at a price, but she is determined to find a way to save her country without losing herself. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 & above, |

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| 660611 |  Sedgwick, Marcus Snowflake, AZ | Head of Zeus | 2019 | 9781788542333 | Arriving in unfamiliar territory, Ash finds his stepbrother Bly living with Mona, her dog, a goat and an isolated community who call themselves the Canaries. They've been abandoned by society through a sickness no one understands. When Ash falls ill too, the doctor's response is, "it's all in your mind". But Ash uncovers something much bigger: the sickness of the world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 40871 | Selznick, Brian Invention of Hugo Cabret, The | Scholastic US | 2007 | 9780439813785 | Hugo is an orphan, clock keeper and thief, living in a Parisian railway station at the turn of the nineteenth century. The story, in words and pictures, includes the invention of the earliest moving pictures and automatons. A hidden message from a dead father is the key to this spellbinding mystery. |
| 4019 | Selznick, Brian Marvels, The | Scholastic US | 2015 | 9780545448680 | After surviving a shipwreck in 1766, Billy Marvel finds work in a London theatre. His family flourishes for generations as brilliant actors until 1900, when young Leontes Marvel is banished from the stage. Nearly a century later, Joseph Jarvis runs away from school and seeks refuge with an eccentric uncle in London. A gripping adventure and an intriguing invitation to decipher how the two narratives interconnect. |
| 29866 |  Sepetys, Ruta Between shades of gray | Penguin Books Australia | 2011 | 9780143205418 | In 1941, fifteen year old Lina is preparing for art school and looking forward to summer. When the Soviet secret police invade her home and forcibly remove Lina, her mother and brother, they must fight for their lives. They are transported via cattle trucks from Lithuania to remote Siberia in a harrowing, violent journey. It is also a story of incredible courage and strength. Includes violence and cruelty. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 846191 | Sepetys, Ruta I must betray you | Hodder STOUGHTON | 2022 | 9781444967630 | Cristian has lived his entire life in the grip of a repressive dictatorship. The country is governed by fear. When the secret police blackmail him, Cristian has an impossible choice. Save the life of his sick grandfather by informing on his family, or risk his life - and all of theirs - by resisting? At 17, Cristian dreams of being free but doesn't know where to turn. In this climate of constant suspicion, can he trust his best friend, his girlfriend or even his family? Closely based on the real events of the Romanian Revolution of 1989, this is a powerful, heart-breaking thriller from the author of Salt to the Sea, winner of the Carnegie Medal. |

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| 91635 | Serling, Rod & Kneece, Mark (adapt) & Spay, Anthony (ill) Twilight zone: the midnight sun, The | Bloomsbury | 2009 | 9780747587859 | Set in a New York of the not-too-distant future, the sweltering, thirsty citizens attempt to cope with the extreme heat as the end of the world approaches. A female artist and her neighbour are helpless against the elements and the armed looters. But, in the Twilight Zone, there's always a twist. |
| 660432 | Serna, Lily Curious: life hacks through maths | Pan MacMillan | 2019 | 9781760781156 | How can maths help you to kick the perfect penalty goal, win an argument, impress your friends and spot fake news? With easy-to-understand maths logic, simple psychology and engaging anecdotes from her own life, mathematician Lily Serna shows us that maths can unlock the secrets of the universe. She wants to help all of us - especially the maths phobic - embrace the maths that surrounds us and solve the most common problems of modern living - all without making us learn a single formula. Well, maybe just one or two friendly ones . . Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 117 | Serrailier, Ian Enchanted island: stories from Shakespeare, The | Heinemann | 1981 | 9780435121006 | Excerpts from some of the most well-known Shakespearean plays are compiled in this book. |
| 357 | Serrailier, Ian Silver sword, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780099439493 | The night the Nazis come to take their mother away, three children escape in a terrifying scramble across the rooftops. In the chaos of Warsaw, they have to learn to survive on their own. Their father's paperknife becomes their symbol of hope. |
| 44 | Sewell, Anna Black Beauty | Puffin UK | 2008 | 9780141321035 | Black Beauty is a handsome, sweet-tempered colt with a strong spirit. As a young colt, he is free to gallop in the fresh meadows with his beloved mother and their kind master. But, when his owners are forced to sell him, Black Beauty goes from a life of comfort and kindness to one of hard labour and cruelty. But, Black Beauty is brave, with an unbreakable spirit and will. |
| 13711 | Shakespeare, William & Hinds, Gareth (adapt & ill) King Lear | Candlewick Press | 2009 | 9780763643447 | An exciting graphic novel version of William Shakespeare's great tragedy that faithfully follows the original play. The use of Shakespeare's original language, some violence and adult concepts require mature readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 56115 | Shakespeare, William & Hinds, Gareth (adapt) Merchant of Venice, The | Candlewick Press | 2008 | 9780763630256 | A tale of young Bassanio, who, in order to win the love of fair Portia, entangles his dearest friend, Antonio, in a dangerous bargain with the moneylender, Shylock. Only Bassanio's heartfelt efforts and a clever intervention by Portia will save Antonio from paying Shylock 'a pound of flesh'. Graphic novel with authentic Shakespearean text. |

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| 78434 | Shea, Alan Amazing mind of Alice Makin, The | Chicken House | 2008 | 9781904442325 | Twelve year old Alice Makin is living in a tiny flat in post-war London where many people's homes have been destroyed. Reggie and the man he calls his grandfather come to live upstairs. Alice and Reggie become friends and realise that they share a special talent for making things that they think happen. This is not their only connection and as the story unfolds Alice learns about who she really is. |
| 751107 | Shippen, Lauren Infinite noise, The | Tor Books | 2019 | 9781250297518 | Caleb is an Atypical, an individual with enhanced abilities. Which sounds pretty cool except Caleb's ability is extreme empathy-he feels the emotions of everyone around him. Being an empath in high school would be hard enough, but Caleb's life becomes even more complicated when he keeps getting pulled into the emotional orbit of one of his classmates, Adam. Adam's feelings are big and all-consuming, but they fit together with Caleb's feelings in a way that he can't quite understand. Caleb's therapist, Dr. Bright, encourages Caleb to explore this connection by befriending Adam. As he and Adam grow closer, Caleb learns more about his ability, himself, his therapist-who seems to know a lot more than she lets on-and just how dangerous being an Atypical can be. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 61034 | Shirvington, Jessica Between the lives | HarperCollins Australia | 2013 | 9780732296261 | Sabine is an eighteen year old caught between two lives. Her life in Wellesey is the almost perfect world, a place of glamorous friends, all you could want and a doting boyfriend. Her other life in Roxbury is less than perfect and here she is considered by many as a rebel, out of place. Every twenty-four hours on the stroke of midnight, Sabine moves between worlds. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| | Shusterman, Neal Arc of a scythe series | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 728798 | Shusterman, Neal Challenger deep | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406396119 | Caden is both a high school student finding it harder and harder to fit in at school and keep friendships, and a member of an unusual crew aboard a ship headed to the Marianas Trench under the command of a captain who may or may not be trying to destroy them all. As these two narratives come together, Caden must make decisions with very real and substantial consequences. |

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| 796720 | ★ Shusterman, Neal Game changer | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781406398632 | Ash is used to taking hits on the field for his high school football team - until he takes one that doesn't just impact his body, but his whole reality. It starts with one small shift, but with every game, every hit, Ash finds himself pushed through a succession of universes almost-but-not-really like his own, until the small shifts in reality become significant shifts in Ash's own identity. As Ash experiences life from other perspectives, he starts to question the world he thought he knew, as well as the ones he finds himself catapulted into. For better or worse, the one thing Ash knows is that he's got to find a way to put things back. |
| 5272 | 🌀 Shusterman, Neal Scythe | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406379242 | In a perfect world, what is there left to fear? In a world where disease, war and crime have been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly gleaned (killed) by professional scythes. Citra and Rowan are 16 year old teenagers who have been selected to be scythes' apprentices, and despite wanting nothing to do with the vocation, they must learn the art of gleanng and understand the necessity of what they do. Only one of them will be chosen as a scythe's apprentice and as Citra and Rowan come up against a terrifyingly corrupt Scythedom, it becomes clear that the winning apprentice's first task will be to glean the loser. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 575719 | 🌀 Shusterman, Neal Thunderhead: Arc of a scythe | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406379532 | It's been a year since Rowan went off-grid. Hunted by the Scythedom, he has become an urban legend, a vigilante snuffing out corrupt scythes in a trial by fire. Citra, meanwhile, is forging her path as Scythe Anastasia, gleanng with compassion. However, conflict within the Scythedom is growing by the day, and when Citra's life is threatened, it becomes clear that there is a truly terrifying plot afoot. The Thunderhead observes everything, and it does not like what it sees. Will it intervene? Or will it simply watch as this perfect world begins to unravel? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 846165 | 🌀 Shusterman, Neal and Shusterman, Jarrod Roxy | Walker Books | 2021 | 9781406392128 | Isaac and Ivy are siblings and close in age yet seem to be on very different paths. Ivy is often in trouble and struggles to focus while Isaac is motivated and responsible and in control. A series of events bring both siblings to the attention of Addi and Roxy, pharmaceuticals become gods meddling in the affairs of humans. Both drugs offer so much to the brother and sister, but they will also demand something in return. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 8316 | Siers, Robyn & Walker, Carlie Ancestry: Stories of multicultural ANZACS | Dept of Veterans' Affairs AUSTRALIAN War Memorial | 2015 | 9780992583927 | Australians from a wide range of cultural backgrounds served together during the First World War. They wore the same uniform and experienced the same conditions and hardships. For many, wartime service gave them the equality that was not available in Australian society, either before or after the war. These stories about multicultural ANZACS draw on the Australian War Memorial's diverse collection, and include private records, photographs, works of art and relics. |
| 23430 | Silvey, Craig Amber amulet, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742379982 | Twelve-year-old Liam McKenzie patrols his suburban neighbourhood as the Masked Avenger - a superhero with powers so potent not even he can fully comprehend their extent. Along with his sidekick, Richie the Powerbeagle, he protects the people of Franklin Street from chaos, mayhem, evil and low tyre pressure - but can he save them from sadness? |
| 9923 | Simons, Moya Let me whisper you my story | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2010 | 9780732288587 | Rachel is German and Jewish. With the outbreak of World War II, her life is changed. The family is forced to move from their comfortable home into cramped housing and, when the Nazis arrive, they don't know what is to become of them. But, Rachel's father gives her instructions that save her life. He also tells her not to speak. |
| 569189 | Singer, Nicky Survival game, The | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9781444944525 | Mhairi is walking to Scotland. She has to get there, has to find safety in her grandmother's house. But all she has is a gun with no bullets and her precious identity papers. In this dystopian new world, the journey from the African continent to the top of the UK is fraught with danger. When Mhairi comes across a lone, mute boy she finds kindness within her to help him to safety as well, even though this could jeopardise everything she is working towards. |
| 120056 | Sis, Peter Wall, The: Growing up behind the iron curtain | Farrar, Straus and Giroux | 2007 | 9780374347017 | Through annotated illustrations, journals, maps and dreamscapes, Peter Sis shows what life was like for a child, on the Communist side of the Iron Curtain, who believed whatever he was told. As news filtered in from the West, Sis learned about rock'n'roll, blue jeans and read banned books. The Soviet invasion meant this freedom was short-lived but Sis's eyes had been opened. |
| 1701 | Slater, Kim Smart | MacMillan | 2014 | 9781447272762 | Kieran finds the body of a homeless person floating in the Thames River. The police regard the death as an unfortunate accident but Kieran is obsessed with CSI and determined to find the murderer. Kieran's methodical note taking, his outstanding artistic abilities and unshakeable perseverance eventually provide many answers, not only to the murder but also to secrets in his own family. |

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| 120058 | Smith, Charles R Jnr & Collier, Bryan (ill) Twelve rounds to glory: the story of Muhammad Ali | Candlewick Press | 2007 | 9780763616922 | The story of Muhammad Ali, formerly Cassius Clay, a legendary hero who was an American prize-winning boxer and heavyweight champion of the world. This rap version of Ali's life includes his religion, his marriages and graphic descriptions of his brutal fights with examples of his provoking and inflammatory language. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 30218 | Smith, Dan Big game | Chicken House | 2015 | 9781909489943 | Thirteen year old Oskari is sent into the Finnish wilderness, armed only with a bow and arrow, to survive in an ancient test of manhood. But, he stumbles upon an escape pod from a burning airliner. Terrorists have shot down the President of the United States. To survive, this improbable duo must trust each other and become a team capable of overcoming the danger that is imminent. |
| 2769 | Smith, Mark Road to winter, The | Text Publishing Co | 2016 | 9781925355123 | Since a deadly virus and the ensuing violence wiped out his parents and his community, Finn and his loyal dog have survived two winters on the rugged coast. He avoids the Wilders, a dangerous gang, led by the ruthless Ramage. But, when Rose runs onto the beach, she needs Finn's help. She is a Siley, an asylum seeker, who has escaped from Ramage. Rose is desperate and sick, and her younger sister is still missing in the bush. Ramage wants them back, at any cost. Challenging read. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 12763 | Smith, Mark Wilder country | Text Publishing Co | 2017 | 9781925498530 | Finn, Kas, and Willow have survived the winter. Severe winds and cold have kept the Wilders at bay. Now that spring has come, everything has changed. They're being hunted again, and they won't be safe while the brutal Ramage wants their blood. But Finn and Kas made a promise to Rose - to find her baby, Hope, and bring her back...but finding Hope, means finding Ramage...and Finn will face the toughest decision of his life. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 and above. |
| 6391 | Snyder, Maria V. Navigating the stars | Harlequin | 2018 | 9781489252746 | Year 2471. A new discovery. Those three words thrill my parents - the galaxy's leading archaeologists - but for me, it means another time jump to a different planet. One so big, my friends will be older than my dad when we arrive. And I'll still be seventeen. Thanks, Einstein. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 & above. |
| 216 | Southall, Ivan Josh | University of Queensland Press | 2006 | 9780702235634 | Josh, a poet, visits his great aunt for a week in a rural town and has to endure some strange treatment. |
| 226 | Southall, Ivan Let the balloon go | Methuen | 1967 | 9780749703998 | John Sumner is a young boy crippled after contracting polio and growing up during World War I. He learns about taking risks and letting go to experience life. |

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| 70 | Spence, Eleanor Candle for Saint Antony, A | Hodder Headline Australia Pty Ltd | 1993 | 9780340605479 | An intense story about the developing, close relationship between Justin, an Australian boy, and Rudi, a sensitive boy from Austria. Their emotional interdependence causes trouble in their peer group as others question the nature of the relationship. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 11356 | Spencer, Adam Adam Spencer's world of numbers | Xoum Publishing | 2015 | 9781921134869 | If you love numbers and like to laugh, then you'll enjoy finding out the crucial role that numbers play in our understanding of sport, space, computers, cooking, and a whole lot in between. This book decodes barcodes, explains why we say 'as sixes and sevens' when we're discombobulated, shows how many people you need in a room before there'll be a birthday in common, and why the number seventy is weird and what can be done about it. A whole lot more weird and wonderful stuff. |
| 1662 | Spencer, Adam Big book of numbers | Xoum Publishing | 2014 | 9781921134326 | If you love numbers, want to love numbers or just love to laugh and learn about the wonderful life we live, then this numbers book is for you. Discover primes, Pi, perfect numbers and how many ribs an elephant has. |
| 11438 | Spinelli, Jerry Jake and Lily | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2012 | 9780060281359 | A story told from two points of view: Jake, then Lily, telling two sides to similar events. They know that together they are a powerful force, but that they have to learn how to stand alone as well. |
| 377 | Spinelli, Jerry Stargirl | Watts Publishing Group | 2002 | 9781841219264 | From the moment Stargirl arrives at Mica High School, the students are enchanted but, then, they turn on her because she is so extraordinary. |
| 9200 | Spinelli, Jerry Wringer | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2003 | 9780007156016 | The violence of the pigeon shoot disturbs Palmer and contrasts with his reaction to bullies and to pets. |
| | Spradlin, Michael P Youngest Templar series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 587865 | Springer, Nancy Case of the bizarre bouquets, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760637415 | When Sherlock Holmes' right-hand man, Dr Watson, goes missing everyone is in shock. Enola Holmes, Sherlock's sister, is determined to investigate and find Watson. With her knowledge of floral language, she notices the arrangements delivered to Mrs Watson are symbols for death. Enola is a resourceful sleuth who needs to use her courage, wits, and cunning to solve the mystery before it is too late, all the while avoiding discovery by her brother. |

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| | Springer, Nancy Enola Holmes series NEW 2022 | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 13524 | Spudvilas, Anne Swan lake | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781743318454 | The iconic ballet Swan Lake, the tragic love story of a princess transformed into a swan by an evil sorcerer, has been revered for more than a century. In this atmospheric adaptation, Anne Spudvilas reimagines the classic tale of passion, betrayal and heartbreak in the dramatic riverscape of the Murray-Darling. |
| 6289 | Spurrier, Jo Curse of ash & embers, A | HarperCollins Australia | 2018 | 9781460756331 | Gyssha Blackbone, the evil witch of Black Oak Cottage, is dead, killed by her kin, Aleida Blackbone. She has left behind a curse, and the evil monsters she constructed still lurk amongst the trees. A young servant girl unwittingly has been called into service of Aleida only to discover a cursed mistress and an angry warlock who are more powerful than Elodie could ever have imagined. But who sent the letter offering the position to Elodie, and now that she's here, is danger and power better than the home she left where her step father terrorised her and treated her as a slave? All Elodie knows is that her new mistress needs her, Aleida is weak from the curse and the warlock will destroy them both if they do not repay the dead witch's debt. It is not long before Elodie is battling terrors that she could never have imagined existed, both her and Aleida standing together against unspeakable evil that only they can stop. |
| 15858 | St John, Lauren Snow angel, The | Zephyr | 2017 | 9781786695895 | Growing up in vibrant, crowded Nairobi to loving parents, Makena's driving dream is to accompany her wonderful mountain guide father climbing Mt Kenya. But when her beautiful world is shattered she is plunged into the darkness of the city, with a thousand ways to fall, each more deadly than any crevasse. In a world full of strangers should she trust Snow, whose ballet dreams are haunted by a past she is still running from? And is the sparkling fox a friend or a figment of her imagination? After a fresh start in the Scottish Highlands turns bad, Makena flees to the mountains. But will that end her or be the making of her? |

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| 656010 | St John, Lauren and Guo, Beidi (ill) Kat Wolfe investigates | Pan MacMillan | 2018 | 9781509871223 | After a break-in at their London home, Kat Wolfe and her veterinary-surgeon mum decide it's time to move to the country. Dr Wolfe's new job in idyllic Bluebell Bay comes with a condition: they have to adopt Tiny, a huge, near-wild Savannah, who resists Kat's best attempts at cat whispering. When she starts a pet-sitting agency to make pocket money, her troubles escalate. The owner of her first client, an Amazon parrot, vanishes from his fortified, gadget-filled mansion, leaving a half-packed suitcase and a mysterious parcel. The only person who shares Kat's conviction that he's the victim of foul play is Harper Lamb, the American daughter of a palaeontology professor. A language and coding whizz, Harper is laid up with two broken legs thanks to her racehorse. What starts out as mystery-solving holiday fun quickly turns deadly for Wolfe and Lamb. When all clues point to an army base, can they count on their unruly animal friends to save the day - and their lives? |
| 9368 | Starke, Ruth Nips go national | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2003 | 9780734404749 | Flushed with their multicultural cricketing success in NIPS XI, the team goes interstate to watch the Aussie team practise on the holiest turf in cricket, the MCG. They are also invited to an important cricket carnival. |
| 277 | Starke, Ruth Nips XI | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780734401137 | The boys at North Illaba Primary School form a cricket team. The team includes students from different cultures and they combine to celebrate their common interests, not their diversities. |
| 15309 | Starke, Ruth Orphans of the queen | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780734405289 | Hilly and her brother, Egg, were promised sunshine, plenty of food and someone to look after them. When they arrived from England, they were separated. Hilly was sent to a cruel orphanage in Adelaide. Includes mature themes and some strong language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 2941 | Starke, Ruth & Hannaford, Robert (ill) My Gallipoli | Working Title Press | 2015 | 9781921504761 | From the shores of Anzac Cove and beyond, the Gallipoli peninsula was the place where thousands of men fought, suffered, endured or died during the eight months of occupation in 1915. For each of them, their nurses and their families, Gallipoli means something different. |
| 46892 | Starke, Ruth & Holfeld, Greg (ill) Anzac tale, An | Working Title Press | 2013 | 9781921504532 | What the friends first thought would be an adventure soon turns to disaster. The day after landing at Anzac Cove on 25 April 1915, more than 2000 Anzacs are dead. As the campaign drags on, life for Wally and Roy becomes a battle of endurance against a plucky enemy, a hostile landscape, flies, fleas, cold and disease. |

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| 4212 | Starr, Kimberley Book of whispers, The | Text Publishing Co | 2016 | 9781925355512 | In Tuscany, 1096 AD, Luca sees demons. He keeps quiet about what he sees to avoid another exorcism. He also has dreams that sometimes predict the future. When Luca dreams his father's murder, he vows to stop it coming true. Suzan has dreams too. Consigned with her mute mother to a life in a convent, Suzan has a vision of a boy with an ancient book that holds some inscrutable power. He will take her on an adventure that leads to places beyond their understanding. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 6936 | Stead, Rebecca Goodbye stranger | Text Publishing Co | 2015 | 9781925240320 | Two years ago, Bridge, Tabitha and Emily made a pact never to fight, ever. Now, in high school, they are still friends but things are changing. Bridge meets Sherm, Emily is getting lots of attention from Patrick and Tab wants to save the world. A plan that quickly spirals out of control threatens their friendship. |
| 655264 | Stein, Garth Racing in the rain (young readers edition) | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9780062935076 | Enzo knows he is different from other dogs. Most dogs love to chase cars, but Enzo longs to race them. He learns about racing and the world around him by watching TV and by listening to the words of his best friend, Denny, an up-and-coming race car driver, and Denny's daughter, Zoe, his constant companion. Enzo finds that life is just like being on the racetrack-it isn't simply about going fast. Applying the rules of racing to his world, Enzo takes on his family's challenges and emerges a hero. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 17268 | Steinhofel, Andreas & Wells, Steve (ill) Pasta detectives, The | Chicken House | 2010 | 9781906427276 | Rico is unusual. His head gets mixed up but Rico is brilliant at noticing little things - like the strange goings-on in the next apartment block. When his new and only friend, the gifted, anxious Oscar is kidnapped, Rico gets a chance to put all his special skills to the test in a violent, dangerous adventure. |
| 928 | Stelson, Caren Sachiko: Nagasaki bomb survivor's story, A | Carolrhoda Books | 2016 | 9781467789035 | August 9, 1945, began like any other day for 6 year old Sachiko. Her country was at war, she didn't have enough to eat. At 11:01 am, she was playing outdoors with four other children. Moments later, those children were all dead. An atomic bomb had exploded just a half mile away. A true story of a young girl who survived the atomic bomb and her long journey to find peace. |
| 12422 | Stephens, Michael Mudlark | HarperCollins Australia | 2003 | 9780207199806 | Jim Liddell is different from other thirteen year old boys, living in a world of imagination. He takes home the class pet, a mudlark called Mudlark. Its escape teaches Jim some lessons and helps him come to terms with his mother's death. |
| 3529 | Stephens, Tony & Siewat, Steven Last Anzacs: lest we forget, The | Intl Specialised Book Services | 2003 | 9781920731366 | The personal stories of the last eighteen surviving veterans of the Gallipoli campaign. Almost ninety years after the commencement of World War I, we still support a march in honour of the ANZACs and respect their spirit. |

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| 737784 | Stevenson, Noelle Fire never goes out, The | HarperCollins Australia | 2020 | 9780062278272 | The autobiographical highs and lows of a creative human's life in the world are captured in a collection of personal comics. Go on a journey of self discovery and appreciation with Noelle Stevenson. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 and above. |
| 822824 | Stevenson, Noelle Nimona | HarperCollins US | 2015 | 9780062278227 | Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are. But as small acts of mischief escalate into a vicious battle, Lord Blackheart realizes that Nimona's powers are as murky and mysterious as her past. And her unpredictable wild side might be more dangerous than he is willing to admit. |
| 1506 | Stevenson, Robert Louis Dr Jeckyll and Mr Hyde | Scholastic Australia | 2002 | 9780439295758 | In one of the four stories in this book of Stevenson's classic horror stories, the cursed Dr Jekyll finds himself transformed by a scientific experiment into the evil Mr Hyde. |
| 37663 | Stevenson, Robert Louis Kidnapped | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2009 | 9780141326023 | When young David Balfour's father dies and leaves him in poverty, he tracks down his Uncle Ebenezer to seek his inheritance. But, his uncle is a mean, nasty man with a dark family secret. David finds himself in terrible danger when he is kidnapped and taken prisoner on board a ship bound for slavery. |
| 12368 | Stewart, Paul & Riddell, Chris Muddle Earth | Pan MacMillan | 2003 | 9780333947999 | The Baron of Muddle Earth's only hope is an incompetent wizard, a boy, his dog, a cynical budgerigar, a not-very -big ogre and an intrepid silver teaspoon. Anything could happen in the land of pink, stinky hogs and exploding gas frogs. |
| | Stewart, Paul & Riddell, Chris (ill) Barnaby Grimes series | | | | Adventure and suspense mixed with touch of the supernatural. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Stewart, Paul & Riddell, Chris (ill) The Edge chronicles series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 18495 | Stewart, Robin Darwin's tortoise | Black Inc | 2005 | 9781863953733 | Harriet, a giant Galapagos Island tortoise, is looked after and observed by Charles Darwin in his development of his daring theory of evolution and his book, the Origin of the Species. Cleverly written from Harriet's perspective. |
| 76640 | Stewart, Ross Moon: Apollo 11 and beyond | Oxford University Press | 2009 | 9780199116911 | The Moon is the only natural satellite of the Earth and, since prehistoric times, it has been an object of fascination. Even after man has walked on the moon, it has retained its romantic appeal. The fortieth anniversary of the Moon landing provides an opportunity to look at that historic journey and to view the Moon from historic, scientific, artistic, literary and musical angles. |
| 15136 | Stewart, Whitney & Rippin, Sally (ill) Becoming Buddha: the story of Siddhartha | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2005 | 9780734407726 | Find out how Prince Siddhartha grew in knowledge and enlightenment to become Buddha, one of the greatest religious influences on the world. |
| 40086 | Stiefvater, Maggie Shiver | Scholastic US | 2009 | 9780545123266 | Sam and Grace come together one Autumn having loved each other for years at a distance. Now they must fight to keep each other as Sam is drawn back to being a wolf. |
| 15299 | Stockton, Frank R & Lynch, P J (ill) Bee-man of Orn, The | Walker Books | 2004 | 9781844285068 | The Bee-man is happy with his lot until he learns from a Junior Sorcerer that he was once something else and has been transformed. But what was he? The Bee-man sets out on a quest to discover the answer. |
| 1507 | Stoker, Bram & Humphries, Tudor (ill) Dracula | Dorling Kindersley | 1997 | 9780751370706 | Jonathan Harker is travelling to Castle Dracula to see the Transylvanian noble, Count Dracula. The locals beg him not to go because, on the eve of St George's Day when the clock strikes midnight, all the evil things in the world will come out. But, Jonathan goes to the Castle and his nightmare begins. A retelling of the classic story with striking, coloured illustrations and detailed, historical background information. |
| 660433 | Stone, Danika Switchback | St Martin's | 2019 | 9781250221650 | A two-day hiking trip through the Canadian Rockies sounds like hell to best friends Ashton and Vale for two very different reasons. Ashton, the class clown, would rather be gaming in his basement and eating junk food than hiking. Vale, a straight-A student who hikes in her own time, shudders at the thought of spending two days stuck with classmates who have relentlessly bullied her for the past few years. But when the two are separated from their classmates and an unexpected snowstorm hits, Ash and Vale find themselves with dwindling supplies and fighting for survival against bears, wolves, and the elements. |



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| | Stone, Jeff Five ancestors series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 5563 | Strahan, Clare Learning curves of Vanessa Partridge, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760296797 | Vanessa Partidge lives with her dad, her brother and her ex-babysitter. Who just happens to be her dad's new wife. Her mother has disappeared with only sporadic contact. Vanessa isn't sure who she is and as she embarks on her usual family summer holiday at the beach, she starts to discover her own limits. Through a growing relationship with environmental activist Bodhi and a crush on her brother's best friend, Vanessa explores her sense of self. Usually read by students in Year 9, 10 & above. |
| 7695 | Strange, Lucy Secret of Nightingale Wood, The | Chicken House | 2016 | 9781910655030 | This is the tale of story-loving Henrietta and her family who are struggling with illness in their new house by Nightingale Wood. Worse, Henrietta is starting to see mysterious figures and strange cats that seem to be calling her into the woods and beyond. What does it all mean and is it true what they say, does a witch really live in Nightingale Wood? |
| 27577 | Stratton, Allan Dogs, The | Penguin | 2015 | 9780143572596 | Cameron and his mum have been on the run for five years. His father is hunting them. At least, that's what Cameron has been told. When they settle in an isolated farmhouse, in the middle of nowhere, Cameron starts to see and hear things that aren't possible. Soon, he's questioning everything he thought he knew and, even, his sanity. Cameron must uncover the dark secrets buried in the past, before they tear him apart. |
| | Stroud, Jonathan Lockwood CO series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 22312 | Stroud, Jonathan Ring of Solomon: a Bartimaeus novel, The | Doubleday | 2010 | 9780385619165 | This prequel to the Bartimaeus trilogy sees the return of the sarcastic, chatty and mischievous djinni. Now, Bartimaeus is in Jerusalem and the court of King Solomon in 950s BC. The great Bartimaeus may have finally met his match. He'll have to contend with an unpleasant master and his sinister servant, and he runs into a fair bit of bother with King Solomon's magic ring. |


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| | Stroud, Jonathan The Bartimaeus trilogy series | | | | A fantasy series told from the viewpoint of three characters. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 58992 | Sunderland, Alan My Australian story: Refugee, the diary of Ali Ismail, Woomera, 2001-2002 | Scholastic Australia | 2006 | 9781865049199 | The Taliban in Afghanistan are seeking out young boys to become fighters. Fourteen year old Ali is smuggled out on a small boat. After a gruelling journey, Ali is rescued and transferred to Woomera Detention Centre in the Australian desert. |
| | Sunderland, Alan & Redlich, Ben (ill) Octavius O'Malley series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 113 | Sutcliff, Rosemary Eagle of the Ninth, The | Oxford University Press | 2000 | 9780192750457 | A young officer in Roman Britain sets off to discover what happened to the Ninth Legion, a legion that disappeared in the mists. |
| 398 | Sutcliff, Rosemary Sword and the circle, The | Puffin UK | 1994 | 9780140371499 | The beautifully written retelling of the legend of King Arthur and his knights of the round table. |
| 9231 | Sutcliff, Rosemary Wanderings of Odysseus, The | Frances Lincoln | 1995 | 9780711208629 | Homer's magnificent epic poem, 'The Odyssey', brought to vivid life in an enthralling traveller's tale of the greatest voyage ever, with a spectacular cast of men, magicians and monsters. |
| 446 | Sutcliff, Rosemary Warrior Scarlet | Farrar, Straus and Giroux | 1994 | 9780374482442 | In Bronze Age Britain, Drem must overcome his disability in order to pass the tribe's test to become a warrior. |
| 5033 | Sutcliffe, Lucy Girl hearts girl | Scholastic Australia | 2016 | 9781407154152 | Lucy always knew that her idea of Prince Charming was different to that of other girls. And then she meets Kaelyn online and everything starts to make sense. Maybe her Prince Charming is a girl. An inspiring and uplifting memoir about falling in love and finding yourself. |

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| 5425 | ⦿ Suvada, Emily This mortal coil | Puffin Australia | 2017 | 9780141379272 | When a lone soldier, Cole, arrives with news of Lachlan Agatta's death, all hope seems lost for Catarina. Her father was the world's leading geneticist, and humanity's best hope of beating a devastating virus. Then, hidden beneath Cole's genehacked enhancements she finds a message of hope: Lachlan created a vaccine. Only she can find and decrypt it, if she can unravel the clues he left for her. The closer she gets, the more she finds herself at risk from Cartaxus, a shadowy organisation with a stranglehold on the world's genetic tech. But it's too late to turn back. There are three billion lives at stake, two people who can save them, and one final secret that Cat must unlock. A secret that will change everything. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 10917 | Suzuma, Tabitha Without looking back | Corgi Books | 2009 | 9780552560009 | Louis and his siblings are abducted from Paris by their father and taken to England. They have to change their names and their looks. Louis and his siblings face a choice, either to stay with their Dad and take on new identities or return to Paris. |
| 569333 | ⦿ Swain, H A Hungry | MacMillan | 2018 | 9781250063083 | In Thalia's world, there is no more food and no need for food, as everyone takes medication to ward off hunger. Her parents both work for the company that developed the drugs society consumes to quell any food cravings, and they live a life of privilege as a result. When Thalia meets a boy who is part of an underground movement to bring food back, she realizes that there is an entire world outside her own. She also starts to feel hunger, and so does the boy. Are the meds no longer working? Together, they set out to find the only thing that will quell their hunger: real food. It's a journey that will change everything Thalia thought she knew. But can a "privy" like her ever truly be part of a revolution? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 2380 | ⦿ Sweeney, Diana Minnow, The | Text Publishing Co | 2014 | 9781922182012 | Following a flood which has taken the lives of her family, a girl called Tom lives with Bill, with whom she falls pregnant. Many know her secret, including her grandmother and her good friend Jonah. Together, they will ensure the safe arrival of the Minnow. Contains mature themes and some language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 36630 | Swift, Jonathan Gulliver's travels | Dorling Kindersley | 2000 | 9780751372458 | A country boy becomes a ship's doctor travelling to strange lands like Lilliput, the land of midgits. First published in 1726, captions explain historical facts to help modern readers. Also see, Jonathan Swift's Gulliver by Martin Jenkins, PRC ID 2055. |

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| 4427 | Swindells, Robert Shrapnel | Corgi Books | 2009 | 9780552559300 | Gordon is growing up in World War II London. His older brother, Raymond, leaves home and becomes involved in secretive war work, or so he leads Gordon to believe. When Gordon finds a revolver hidden in his parent's house, he decides to track his brother down. But finding Raymond leads to much more than Gordon had bargained for as Raymond lures him into danger. |
| 6020 | Syed, Matthew You are awesome: Find your confidence and dare to be brilliant at (almost) anything | Wren and Rook Books | 2018 | 9781526361158 | This is a book for people who want to be awesome at something, but aren't sure how. Written by a two-time Olympian, who admits he wasn't born sporty, this book explains how to become successful at anything, it doesn't matter where you start or who you are. This is an exciting, uplifting, encouraging, inspiring, and amusing book that every student will enjoy. What are your dreams? What do you want to be awesome at? Read this book and discover how you can be the best version of yourself. |
| 77 | Sykes, Helen (ed) Champion & other stories, The | Phoenix Education | 2003 | 9781875695621 | Helen Sykes has combined a selection of stories by some of Australia's best-known authors. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| | Tait, A L The Mapmaker Chronicles series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 770858 | Takei, George and Eisinger, Justin and Scott, Steven (ill) They called us enemy | Penguin | 2019 | 9781603094504 | In 1942, at the order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, every person of Japanese descent on the west coast was rounded up and shipped to one of ten "relocation centers," hundreds or thousands of miles from home, where they would be held for years under armed guard. They Called Us Enemy is George Takei's firsthand account of those years behind barbed wire, the joys and terrors of growing up under legalized racism, his mother's hard choices, his father's faith in democracy, and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future. What does it mean to be American? Who gets to decide? When the world is against you, what can one person do? |
| 8120 | Tan, Shaun Arrival, The | Hachette Children's Books | 2006 | 9780734406941 | The Arrival gives us great insight into the process of leaving your homeland and trying to find a new place in the world. The journey can be frightening, inspiring and emotional for all displaced persons. Many stories are told through Tan's illustrations. |



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| 569144 | Tan, Shaun Cicada | Lothian Books | 2018 | 9780734418630 | Cicada tell story. Story good. Story simple. Story even human can understand. Tok Tok Tok! |
| 2557 | Tan, Shaun Lost thing, The | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780734403889 | An allegory of responsibility, conformity and courageous social isolation told with humour. |
| 3618 | Tan, Shaun Red tree, The | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9780734401724 | Stunning artwork and minimal text tell the story of a young girl drifting through landscapes which reflect feelings of sorrow and helplessness, until she comes across a sign of hope. Deeply thoughtful. |
| 113080 | Tan, Shaun Tales from outer suburbia | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9781741149173 | A beautifully illustrated and innovative book, full of fanciful whimsy that takes us to a place where we might think about ourselves and our society. |
| 6124 | Tan, Shaun Tales from the inner city | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760523534 | World-renowned artist Shaun Tan applies his unique imagination to a reflection on the nature of humans and animals, and our urban coexistence. From crocodile to frog, tiger to bee, this is a dark and surreal exploration of the perennial love and destruction we feel and inflict - of how animals can save us, and how our lives are forever entwined, for better or for worse. |
| 7055 | Tan, Shaun & Pullman, Philip (foreword) & Zipes, Jack (intro) Singing bones, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760111038 | Seventy five fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm are wonderfully evoked by Shaun Tan's extraordinary sculptural works. Wicked stepsisters, greedy kings, honourable peasants, ruthless witches, and tales of love, betrayal and magical transformation provide the inspiration for the stunning sculptural works. |
| 7342 | Tangey, Penny Loving Richard Feynman | University of Queensland Press | 2009 | 9780702237256 | Richard Feynman was a Nobel Prize-winning physicist. Catherine is a science-loving, fifteen year old, just trying to survive school. When Catherine's father gives her a photo of the gifted scientist, she develops a crush on him. Eventually, Catherine has to deal with betrayal by both her father and her idol. Some teenage drinking and strong language, used in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 7573 | Tarakson, Stella & Morden, Richard (ill) Aliens, ghosts and vanishings: strange and possibly true Australian stories | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925324969 | Have you heard these most bizarre tales from around Australia? Did a UFO drag a family's car off the road in the middle of the outback? How did rocks rain from the sky in WA? And what became of the prime minister who went into the surf and was never seen again? Explore the strangest tales, most incredible encounters and creepiest urban legends in Australia's history. Read about the investigations and weigh up the facts, do you believe the official explanations for these weird and wonderful events? |

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| 26458 |  Tayleur, Karen Hostage | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742031026 | The thing I remember is that the chemist floor had a large, black scuff near the counter. I don't remember the knife. I remember something cold on my neck, which could have been a knife, or it could just have been his long, cold fingers. But it was the scuff I remember best. Adult themes require a mature reader. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 22754 | Tayleur, Karen (ed) Short and scary | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742031330 | A range of authors and illustrators, both well known or not, present stories, poems and illustrations on the huge range of things which scare them, from freaky fairies to technology taking over. |
| 774007 |  Taylor, C L Island, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2021 | 9780008240592 | Welcome to the Island. Where your worst fears are about to come true. A week-long trip for six teenage friends on a remote tropical island is supposed to be the perfect holiday. When their guide dies of a stroke leaving them stranded, this trip turns into a nightmare because someone on the island knows each of the group's worst fears. One by one they are becoming a reality. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 333 | Taylor, Mildred D Roll of thunder, hear my cry | Puffin UK | 1994 | 9780140371741 | Being a coloured girl in America's South during the 1930s, teaches Cassie much about prejudice and hatred. |
| 1112 | Taylor, Theodore Cay, The | Puffin Australia | 1995 | 9780140366204 | A classic story of race relations, shipwrecks and survival when a young boy and an older man find themselves stranded on an isolated cay in the middle of the ocean. |
| 9854 | Telgemeier, Raina Smile | Graphix | 2010 | 9780545132060 | Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But, one night after Girl Scouts, she trips and falls, severely injuring her front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery and embarrassing headgear. And, on top of all that, there's a major earthquake, boy confusion and friends who turn out to be not so friendly. A graphic novel. |
| 9138 | Telgemeier, Raina Drama | Graphix | 2012 | 9780545326995 | Callie loves theatre. But, she can't really sing. Instead, she's the set designer for the drama department's stage crew and, this year, she's determined to create a set worthy of Broadway, on a school budget. But, Callie will need to learn about carpentry, try and sell tickets and help the crew work well together. But, once the actors are chosen, the offstage dramas don't help, and the two cute brothers who enter the picture just make things crazier. Graphic novel. |
| 9270 | Tennyson, Alfred Lord Lady of Shalott, The | Oxford University Press | 1999 | 9780192723710 | This poem inspired many great writers and artists. |

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| 587852 | Thaiday, Sam & Colley, James Rise: The Sam Thaiday story | Penguin Books Australia | 2018 | 9780143790419 | For sixteen years, Sam Thaiday has entertained Broncos, Queensland Origin and Australian fans, both on and off the field. This book tells his story. With his trademark humour and honesty, Sam reveals his roots as a Townsville boy and a die-hard Cowboys fan, his family connections to the Torres Strait, how his Mum taught him to pass and tackle, and all the ups and downs of a career playing the game he loves. Including advice for setting and reaching goals, handling setbacks, and finding what really matters in life, Rise: The Sam Thaiday Story (Young Readers' Edition) is a must-read for any young league fan, regardless who they barrack for. |
| 660663 |  Thakur, Sophia Somebody give this heart a pen | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781406388534 | This collection of poetry begins with a gentle petition of the reader to fill their hearts with poetry; to look within themselves, take the time to be silent, and listen to what they hear. This message continues throughout the poems as Thakur candidly shares her experiences as a Black woman and daughter of migrants living in the United Kingdom. In the poems is a proud daughter, mother, poet, and believer. She shares poems exploring the profound connections between people, and also the ways people can be careless with each other. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10, or above. |
| 2230 | The Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer competition When words take flight | D Publishing | 2012 | 9781743350492 | A collection of short stories by the 2012 finalists of The Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer competition. |
| 108285 | Thebo, Mimi Wipe out | HarperCollins Australia | 2003 | 9780007142767 | Billy's mother, champion surfer, Kitten Brown, has died and he has to spend time with his Aunt Mary who he barely knows. He is very surprised to find he can make a difference to Mary's life. |
| 46 | Thiele, Colin Blue fin | Thomas C Lothian Pty Ltd | 2000 | 9780734401311 | Snook joins his father on a tuna fishing expedition and disaster strikes. |

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| 779490 | Thomas, Aiden Cemetery boys | Swoon Reads | 2020 | 9781250250469 | When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his true gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real brujo. With the help of his cousin and best friend Maritza, he performs the ritual himself, and then sets out to find the ghost of his murdered cousin and set it free. However, the ghost he summons is actually Julian Diaz, the school's resident bad boy, and Julian is not about to go quietly into death. He's determined to find out what happened and tie off some loose ends before he leaves. Left with no choice, Yadriel agrees to help Julian, so that they can both get what they want. But the longer Yadriel spends with Julian, the less he wants to let him leave. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 828985 | Thomas, Aiden Lost in the Never Woods | Swoon Reads | 2021 | 9781250313973 | It's been five years since Wendy and her two brothers went missing in the woods, but when the town's children start to disappear, the questions surrounding her brothers' mysterious circumstances are brought back into the light. Attempting to flee her past, Wendy almost runs over an unconscious boy lying in the middle of the road . . . Peter, a boy she thought lived only in her stories, asks for Wendy's help to rescue the missing kids. But, in order to find them, Wendy must confront what's waiting for her in the woods. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 7116 | Thomas, Angie Hate u give, The | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406387933 | Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed. Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping YA novel about one girl's struggle for justice. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 3904 | Thomas, Leah Because you'll never meet me | Bloomsbury | 2015 | 9781408862629 | There are truths you can only tell a stranger, and this friendship is the strangest. Ollie and Moritz are best friends, but they can never meet, because if they ever did, one of them will most certainly die. As recluses from society, they develop a fierce bond through letters that become a lifeline. But when Moritz reveals the key to their shared, disturbing past, their friendship faces a test neither one of them expected. |

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| 3905 | Thomas, Leah Nowhere near you | Bloomsbury | 2017 | 9781408885376 | Ollie causes massive power outages when he comes into contact with electricity. Moritz has an electric heart that keeps him alive. They are best friends, though they can never meet. But no matter how far apart these pen pals are, their letters keep them close. As Ollie and Moritz start to brave the outside world, they meet other teenagers living lives almost as unusual as their own. But before they can feel any real sense of belonging, a new danger threatens to destroy all the progress they've made. Can these teens find their place in a world that might never understand them? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 660427 | Thomas, Sherry Magnolia sword, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760876685 | Mulan has been drilled in martial arts to fight the duel of her life - but what if her sworn enemy is also her secret love? A heart-thumping retelling that brings a much-loved heroine to life. |
| 12313 | Thompson, Colin Violin man, The | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2003 | 9780733614002 | A lyrical tale of love, loss and music. An emotionally charged story and exquisite illustrations that beautifully portray the sadness of a bereaved father and the consolation he finds in solitude and in his musical gift. |
| 10718 | Thompson, Colin & Lissiat, Amy (ill) Norman and Brenda | Lothian Books | 2006 | 9780734409560 | Norman and Brenda lead separate, unfulfilled lives until finally their worlds converge and they discover true happiness, thanks to chance. Gentle humour, economy of words and complex visuals. |
| 4172 | Thompson, Colin & Pignataro Anna (ill) Staircase cat, The | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2000 | 9780733610059 | Oskar's loyalty knows no bounds as he waits in an empty war-torn house, surrounded by ghosts, waiting for his family to return. |
| 130954 | Thompson, Colin & various illustrators Dust | ABC Books | 2007 | 9780733320736 | Shows the reality and horror of children dying of starvation. Fourteen artists focus on different aspects of the suffering, deprivation and starkness of the life and death of a starving child. Proceeds go to 'Save the Children'. |
| 18531 | Thompson, Kate New policeman, The | Random House Children's Books | 2005 | 9780370328232 | Mystical fantasy tapping into Irish culture and music that deals with the interesting concept of time leaking from the real world into the fantasy world and the impact on both. A musical score ends each chapter. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 17835 | Thompson, Tony Shakespeare: the most famous man in London | Black Dog Books | 2009 | 9781742030708 | London society supplied many inspirational ingredients for William Shakespeare, helping him become one of the greatest writers of the English language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 27421 | Thurloe, Helen Promising Azra | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760113278 | Azra is sixteen, smart and enthusiastic. When she wins a place in a national science competition, Azra thinks her biggest problem will be getting her parents' permission to go. But, she doesn't know that they're busy arranging her marriage to an older cousin she's never met, in Pakistan, in just three months time. Azra's dreams of finishing high school with her friends then studying science are suddenly overshadowed. Her dreams and ambitions do not include marriage. |
| 657280 | Thurston, Jonathan and Phelps, James JT: the making of a total legend: YA edition | HarperCollins Australia | 2019 | 9781460758618 | As a young Brisbane kid, Johnathan Thurston was written off as too skinny, too slow and too wild to play rugby league professionally. But he defied the odds to become one of the game's greatest players. In this young readers' edition of his bestselling autobiography, follow his journey from his debut with the Canterbury Bulldogs in 2003, to State of Origin star, and to total legend of the game. |
| 846099 |  Tilly, Catch Otherwise known as Pig | Wakefield Press | 2019 | 9781743056790 | Morgan Lodhi has been the target of bullies since he was in primary school. He seems to just attract them. He becomes known across the school as Pig and everyone around him find it easier to either ignore the bullying or just join in. High school is a battle ground but it is not without some pockets of kindness. Contains scenes of bullying which some readers may find confronting. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 4362 | Tintera, Amy Avenged | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760290658 | A war that will fuel her. A bond that will destroy her. Emelina Flores has come home to Ruina. After rescuing her sister Olivia from imprisonment in rival kingdom Lera, Em and Olivia together have devised a plan that will rebuild Ruina to its former glory. But just because Em and Olivia are out of Lera doesn't mean they are safe. Their actions over the past year have had consequences, and they are now targets of retaliation. |
| 35091 |  Tintera, Amy Rebel | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743316702 | When she died and came back as a Reboot, Wren 178 thought she'd left her human side behind. Then, Callum 22 came along and changed everything. Now, they have both escaped the Human Advancement and Repopulation Corporation, ready to start a peaceful life. But, Micah 163, who runs the reservation, has darker plans to wipe out the humans. All of them. Some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 1402 | Tintera, Amy Reboot | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743315507 | After she was shot dead, Wren Connolly came back to life in 178 minutes as a Reboot, stronger, faster, able to heal and less emotional. The longer Reboots are dead, the less human they are on return. Wren 178 is the deadliest Reboot around. Callum 22 is slow and pesky but he makes Wren feel alive. When ordered to eliminate Callum, Wren risks her life to save him. Some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 11564 | Toksvig, Sandi Girls are best | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2008 | 9780385615242 | For as long as history has been recorded, girls haven't had much of a look in amongst all the great men we remember. But that doesn't mean they weren't there. And it doesn't mean that they didn't achieve great things, come up with wonderful inventions or win battles. Read the history of her-story. |
| 587123 | Toliver, Wendy Once upon a time: Regina rising | Titan Books | 2018 | 9781785659539 | Sixteen-year-old Regina seeks romance, adventure, and approval. Of course, getting approval from a mother like Cora is next to impossible. For Regina, friendships have always been a rare commodity. Could it be that Regina has finally found a true friend? Or is it too good to be true? As Regina struggles to find her own identity and create her own destiny, she discovers that her fate might just be to become everything she despises. |
| 190 | Tolkien, J R R Hobbit, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1999 | 9780006754022 | In this classic story, hobbits are small but heroic people who live in The Shire in Middle Earth. Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit who lives in Bag End, goes on a quest with the wizard, Gandalf. |
| | Tolkien, J R R Lord of the rings series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 9234 | Tolkien, J R R Tales from the perilous realm | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2002 | 9780007149124 | Four classic tales from the author of 'The Lord of the Rings'. |
| 83 | Tomlinson, Theresa Child of the May | Yearling | 2000 | 9780440415770 | A revolt against King John's rule, with characters including Robin Hood and his men. |
| 10495 | Touchell, Dianne Forgetting Foster | Lothian Books | 2016 | 9781760110796 | Seven year old Foster Sumner likes toy soldiers, tadpole hunting, going to school and the beach. Best of all, he likes listening to his dad's stories. But, when Foster's dad starts forgetting things. No one is too worried at first. Foster and Dad giggle about it. But, the forgetting gets worse and, suddenly, no one is laughing anymore. |

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| 35548 | Townsend, Jessica Nevermoor: The trials of Morrigan Crow | Hachette Children's Books | 2017 | 9780734418074 | Morrigan Crow is cursed. Born on an unlucky day Morrigan is blamed for all local misfortunes from hailstorms to heart attacks. But as Morrigan awaits her fate a strange and remarkable man named Jupiter North appears and whisks her away to a magical city named Nevermoor. Morrigan discovers that she must contend for a place in a magical society called the Wondrous Society. The only problem is, Morrigan thinks she has no secret talents at all. To stay in the safety of Nevermoor for good, Morrigan will need to find a way to pass the tests. |
| 18158 | Townsend, Jessica Wundersmith: The calling of Morrigan Crow | Hachette Children's Books | 2018 | 9780734418227 | Morrigan Crow has been invited to join the prestigious Wondrous Society, a place that promised her friendship, protection and belonging for life. She's hoping for an education full of wonder, imagination and discovery - but all the Society want to teach her is how evil Wundersmiths are. And someone is blackmailing Morrigan's unit, turning her last few loyal friends against her. Has Morrigan escaped from being the cursed child of Wintersea only to become the most hated figure in Nevermoor? Worst of all, people have started to go missing. The fantastical city of Nevermoor, once a place of magic and safety, is now riddled with fear and suspicion... |
| 5848 | Townsend, John Hunter's moon | Evans Bros | 2008 | 9780237535247 | Neil is a young gamekeeper. When his boss is mysteriously hurt, Neil is left to look after the woods and pheasants on his own. There have been rumours of a panther on the loose and Neil has to survive nights alone, before the truth is revealed by the light of the hunter's moon. |
| 7226 | Townsend, John Messenger, The | Evans Bros | 2012 | 9780237543358 | When a piece of glass angel smashes in front of him, Chris doesn't take any notice. Not even when a stranger tells him it's a warning. But, when Chris and his girlfriend are trapped on the moors, strange things start to happen. |
| 7733 | Tozer, Gabrielle Faking it | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2015 | 9780732297060 | Things are looking up for Josie Browning. Her boyfriend, James, is crazy about her, and she's scored a writing job at indi. Now the pressure is on for Josie to prove she's got what it takes to help plan indi's launch. Plus, she's battling with flatmates, frenemies and confusing feelings for travel writer Alex. High on the perks at indi, Josie's doing a pretty good job of faking her way in the industry - even though she still hasn't mastered her hair straightener. But when Josie is invited to a media junket, she accidentally sets off a string of lies that threaten to ruin her reputation, love life and career forever. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 18601 | ☉ Tozer, Gabrielle Intern, The | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2014 | 9780732297053 | Josie Browning dreams of having it all. A stellar academic record, an amazing journalism career, and for her current crush to realise she actually exists. The only problem? Josie can't get through twenty-four hours without embarrassing her sister Kat or her best friend Angel, let alone herself. Josie's luck changes though when she lands an internship at the glossy fashion magazine Sash. A coveted columnist job is up for grabs, but Josie's got some tough competition in the form of two other interns. Battle lines are drawn and Josie quickly learns that the magazine industry is far from easy, especially under the reign of powerful editor, Rae Swanson. From the lows of coffee-fetching and working 10-hour days, to the highs of mingling with celebrities, scoring endless free beauty products (plus falling for her cousin's seriously gorgeous flatmate James) this is one year Josie will never forget. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 4927 | Tozer, Gabrielle Remind me how this ends | Angus ROBERTSON (HarperCollins) | 2017 | 9781460751688 | Milo and Layla run into each other after an extended separation. As kids, they shared everything, but five years apart has taken their lives in different directions. Layla is dealing with the death of her mother, and Milo is feeling trapped, his life on hold since he finished year 12. Deals with the decisions that people make about their relationships, and the directions their lives will take. A moving, powerful story. |
| 96 | Trease, Geoffrey Cue for treason | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 1973 | 9780140302318 | A simple but courageous boy and his friend resist treason and are loyal to their Queen and country. They are exposed to the real dangers of the streets of Elizabethan London. |
| 196 | Treece, Henry Horned helmet | | 1996 | 9781855493582 | A novel set in Viking Britain. Beorn, a fugitive from Iceland, is adopted by a powerful Viking warrior. |
| 26330 | Trent, Tiffany & Crilley, Paul Oracle of the Morrigan | Mirrorstone | 2008 | 9780786949748 | Sixteen year old Siobhan has travelled back in time to medieval Scotland, before fairies and humans were at war. Her task is to bring back one of the scattered rath stones so that the bloodshed can finally end. Watching the beginnings of the hostility between the Fey and humans, Siobhan breaks free of her own timidity and galvanises those around her to create alliances, rescue captives and recover the rath stone. |
| 307 | Trezise, Percy Peopling of Australia, The | HarperCollins Australia | 1990 | 9780207170379 | From the very early days of Australia, the people shared the land with dangerous beasts and began to develop a culture and traditions. |
| 125516 | ☉ Trueman, Terry Swallowing the sun | Hodder Children's Books (UK) | 2003 | 9780340866412 | Jose's life is turned upside down when a hurricane hits his tiny village in Honduras, causing mudslides which bury the town. He works against all odds to provide hope and leadership, and to help his family and neighbours survive. Some harrowing scenes. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 20752 | Tucker, Alan Battlefield: one boy's war | Scholastic Australia | 2010 | 9781741695519 | Barry Blacker is desperate to join the army like his older brother Jack, who is in a Japanese POW camp. He practises drills on the family farm in Cowra and spies on the Japanese prisoners in the camp nearby. When some of the prisoners escape, Barry's attempt to be a hero has devastating consequences. |
| 195 | Tucker, Alan Homelands and frontiers | Scholastic Australia | 1999 | 9781862913875 | Tracing the clashes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the Europeans who tried to move them from their land. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9319 | Tucker, Alan Iron in the blood: convicts and commandants in colonial Australia | Omnibus Books | 2002 | 9781862914247 | Australia's colourful, violent convict past vividly recreated to show that prison settlements were some of the most brutal places in the world. The darker side of our history raises many questions about crime, punishment, use and abuse of power. |
| 60043 | Tucker, Alan My Australian story: Cyclone Tracy, the diary of Ryan Turner, Darwin, 1974 | Scholastic Australia | 2006 | 9781865049168 | A fictionalised account of the devastation wrought by Cyclone Tracy on Christmas Eve, 1974. Fourteen year old Ryan shares his perspective of life in Darwin with stories of his family life, his friendships and his first girlfriend. |
| 52241 | Tucker, Alan My Australian story: Gallipoli | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742836935 | Victor March is 14 years old and looking for adventure. He lies about his age and enlists in the 10th Battalion to fight in the Great War. He is among the first soldiers to land at Anzac Cove in 1915 and his world will forever change. |
| 25287 | Tucker, Alan My Australian story: Kokoda | Scholastic Australia | 2014 | 9781743622056 | During World War II, Archie's two brothers are fighting the Japanese in the jungles of New Guinea. In his diary, Archie records how Townsville becomes a base for the pacific campaign, as the Australian coastline reels under Japanese bombs. Archie also records his own battle against the local bully. |
| 356 | Tucker, Alan Side by side | Scholastic Australia | 1998 | 9781862913110 | Investigates the relationship between Aboriginal people, British colonists and European missionaries. |
| 582928 | Tuckerman, Alicia If I tell you | Pantera Press | 2018 | 9780646961255 | Life and love don't wait until you're ready, but what if finding yourself means losing everything you've ever known? Seventeen-year-old Alex Summers lives with a secret and the constant fear someone will find out. But when a new family moves to town, they bring with them their teenage daughter Phoenix Stone. When Alex falls for Phoenix, there is no warning. In a small town with small minds, girls don't go out with other girls, even if they want to. In fear there is bravery - you can either cling to the edge or have the courage to jump. But what do you do when you're left spiralling through the freefall? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 9217 | Tulloch, Richard Body and soul: a musical play | Currency Press | 1998 | 9780868195582 | The atmosphere becomes very tense as relationships are tested among a diverse group of talented athletes at a training camp. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9218 | Tulloch, Richard Space demons: the play | Currency Press | 2003 | 9780868193298 | Stage adaptation of Rubenstein's novel in which a computer forces children to face their own demons. |
| 783578 | Turk, Mariko Other side of perfect, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2021 | 9781760526252 | Alina has always dreamed of a career as a ballet dancer but in a blink of an eye, her dreams and leg are left shattered. Alina recovers from her physical injury but must now learn who she is when she is no longer able to define herself as a dancer. Alina joins the high school musical in the hope that it will help her forge a new identity and purpose. She struggles to adapt but with the help of Jude, attractive, optimistic and supportive she begins to find a new purpose and interest in her life. Alina loved being a ballet dancer but stepping aside highlights some of the negative aspects of a sport she once loved. Will she be able to forgive her dance teacher for her racist treatment? Will she get the guy? and most importantly, will she be able to find out who she really is? |
| 2277 | Twain, Mark Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The | Oxford University Press | 1999 | 9780192824417 | A classic story of slavery and a runaway boy's exploits. Huckleberry Finn had a tough life with his drunken father until an adventure with Tom Sawyer changed everything. When Huck's dad returns and kidnaps him, he must escape down the Mississippi River with a runaway slave, Jim. They face trouble at every turn, from floods and gunfights to armed bandits and the long arm of the law. Through it all, the friends stick together. |
| 562 | Twain, Mark & Peck, Richard (intr) Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2008 | 9780141321103 | On the banks of the Mississippi, Tom Sawyer and his friends seek out adventure at every turn. One fateful night, they witness a murder and the boys swear never to reveal their secret. They run away to be pirates and search for hidden treasure. But, Tom gets trapped in a cave with the murderer. |
| 40861 | Tzobanakis, Stella Creforce: the Anzacs and the battle of Crete | Black Dog Books | 2010 | 9781742030821 | In 1941, Germany launched an airborne invasion of Crete, expecting to meet little resistance from the Allies. But, they were mistaken. Australian, New Zealand and Greek soldiers, and the people of Crete, battled for ten days and the bonds between the Anzac and the Cretans have lasted for generations. War violence included. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 18381 | University of Auckland (pub) Incredible science | Penguin NZ | 2005 | 9780413519993 | A friendly science book depicting simple experiments for all sorts of scientific facts and figures. |

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| 13193 | Ural, Serpil Candles at dawn | Limelight Press | 2004 | 9780956935274 | An in-depth study of Gallipoli and what it meant to Australia, New Zealand and Turkey. A lesson in how futile war can be and the improbability of war if people from both sides really knew each other. |
| 3880 | Valente, Catherynne. M. & Juan, Ana (ill) Girl who circumnavigated fairyland in a ship of her own making, The | Hachette Children's Books | 2013 | 9781780339818 | September is a twelve-year-old girl, Somewhat Grown and Somewhat Heartless, and she longs for adventure. So when a Green Wind and a Leopard of Little Breezes invite her to Fairyland - well, of course, she accepts (mightn't you?). When she gets there, she finds a land crushed by the iron rule of a villainous Marquess - she soon discovers that she alone holds the key to restoring order. As September forges her way through Fairyland, with a book-loving dragon and a boy named Saturday by her side, she makes many friends and mistakes. But while she loses her shadow, her shoe and her way, she finds adventure, courage, a rather special Spoon, and a lot more besides... |
| 4528 | Valente, Catherynne. M. & Juan, Ana (ill) Girl who fell beneath Fairyland and led the revels there, The | Hachette Children's Books | 2011 | 9781780338446 | In the kingdom of Fairyland-Below, preparations are underway for the annual Revels...but aboveground, the creatures of Fairyland are in no mood for a party. It has been a long time since young September bid farewell to Fairyland, and she is excited to see it again; but upon her return she is shocked to find that her friends have been losing their shadows, and therefore their magic, to the kingdom of Fairyland-Below... It spells certain disaster and September won't stand for it. Determined to make amends, she travels down into the underworld where, among creatures of ice and moonlight, she encounters a face she recognizes all too well: Halloween, the Hollow Queen. Only then does September realize what she must do to save Fairyland from slipping into the mundane world forever. |
| | Valentine, James Jumpman series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 1810 | Valentine, Jenny Ant colony, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2009 | 9780007283590 | A strange assortment of misfits and losers live at number 33. Runaway Sam has disappeared there, Bohemia's mum is between boyfriends again and Old Isabel acts like she owns the place. The owner, Sneezy Steve, is always trying to squeeze in one more tenant. Maybe their concern for Bohemia, the most caring of them all, can teach these people to care. Strong language used in context and adult themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 4946 | van Loon, Paul & Scheffler, Axel (ill) Horror handbook, The | Alma Books Ltd | 2016 | 9781846884177 | A humorous guide to the world of vampires, witches and monsters. What happens to a vampire when he dies? How does somebody become a werewolf? How can you protect yourself from witches? All of these questions and more are answered in this book, which will finally give you all the information you ever wanted to know about ghosts, zombies, monsters and all kinds of creepy-crawly creatures. Full of tips, anecdotes and trivia, and delightfully illustrated by Axel Scheffler. Paul van Loon's book is a fun and fascinating reference book for all fans of scary stories and things that go bump in the night. |
| 50793 | van Rijckeghem, Jean-Claude & van Beirs, Pat With a sword in my hand | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2010 | 9781741758658 | Marguerite's father is desperate for a son. Instead, he's stuck with a feisty, stubborn daughter who refuses to behave like a lady. Shaking off the strict expectations of court life, Marguerite roams free, learning to ride, to fence and to outwit the boys. But, the count of Flanders has plans for his wayward daughter. Some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 12455 | Vander Zee, Ruth & Innocenti, Roberto (ill) Erika's story | Creative Editions | 2003 | 9781568461762 | A beautiful, haunting picture book portraying the true story of a survivor of the holocaust. In 1944, Erika is thrown by her mother from a cattle train on the way to a concentration camp. She is found by a German woman who risks her life to raise Erika. |
| 69236 | Vanderpool, Clare Moon over Manifest | Delacorte Press | 2010 | 9780385738835 | It's the Great Depression, and Abilene and her dad have moved around a lot, just trying to survive. Abilene is sent to stay in Manifest, a small town in Kansas, where her dad lived as a boy. When Abilene discovers a box of mementos under the floorboards, she begins to solve many mysteries about her Dad's past and the town of Manifest, and to come to terms with her own personal questions. |

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| | Various Agatha Christie graphic novel series | | | | Agatha Christie's exciting murder mysteries brought to life in rich text, well-illustrated, large format graphic novels. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various Alex Rider graphic novels series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
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| | Various Artemis Fowl series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various Australia's great war series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| | Various Chronicles of ancient darkness series | | | | In the pre-agricultural Stone Age, a boy called Torak struggles against the forces of evil that killed his father. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| 599692 | Various Doctor Who: Thirteen doctors 13 stories | Puffin UK | 2019 | 9780241356173 | A new version of this much-loved anthology features an exclusive, new tale - written by Naomi Alderman, author of The Power - that will star the Thirteenth Doctor, as she battles to save the universe with her three close and trusted friends. Other authors featured are: Eoin Colfer, Michael Scott, Marcus Sedgwick, Philip Reeve, Patrick Ness, Richelle Mead, Malorie Blackman, Alex Scarrow, Charlie Higson, Derek Landy, Neil Gaiman, and Holly Black. |
| | Various Friday Barnes series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various Harry Potter series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various Harry Potter universe series NEW 2019 | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| | Various Horrible histories series | | | | A light-hearted look at the trivial, unusual, gory and unpleasant events that have occurred throughout history. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various Manga Shakespeare series | | | | The sequential stylised artwork known as Manga is combined with authentic Shakespearean text to bring an enriched perspective to the bard's great works, making the plays more accessible and encouraging a response from the reader. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various Middle School series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various My side of the story series | | | | Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series. |
| | Various Pandora Jones series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| | Various Quentaris chronicles series | | | | Full of magic, mystery and adventure, each book explores Quentaris and its perils, triumph, quests, heroes and villains. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
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| | Various Reconciliation - for older students series | | | | Promotes an appreciation of indigenous culture and the process of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various Royal diaries series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various Shakespeare original plays mature reads NEW 2019 | | | | Any two books from this series may be read as Challenge books and up to five more can be read as personal choice books. Go to the online booklists for the PRC ID of the individual books in this series. |

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| 587899 | Various Stand up for the future: A celebration of inspirational young Australians | Penguin Books Australia | 2019 | 9780143794394 | Let's stand up and applaud the young Aussies who are using their voices and talents to change our world for the better. From soccer star Sam Kerr, conservationist Bindi Irwin, entertainer Jessica Mauboy to gender equality advocate Caitlin Figueiredo, this is a book about young people, for everyone. Through activism, innovation, giving back and leading by example, these inspirational young Australians are building a brighter tomorrow for us all. Brought to life by colourful portrait illustrations, from local artists, this book showcases emerging Aussie talent, motivates with inspirational praise and encourages readers to take action to create positive social change. The future is bright! |
| | Various Sterling biographies series | | | | Life stories of famous people, mostly Americans. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various The Seven signs series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various The Thickety series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various The Tribe series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 110934 | Various Top stories 1 | Harcourt Education Australia | 2007 | 9781740818384 | Sixteen short and very varied stories from modern fairy tales, comic essays and complex tales using poetic language. Mature themes and fantastic endings make for some great reads. Strong language used in context might offend some readers. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| | Various Usborne for beginners NEW 2022 | | | | Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various Usborne true stories series | | | | Collections of short stories on factual themes, usually adventures in extreme geographical locations. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |
| | Various Wardstone chronicles series | | | | A fantasy series about the seventh son of a seventh son who has special powers to fight evil. Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.. |
| 15028 | Various & Greive, Bradley Trevor (ed) Poems by young Australians | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2004 | 9780759320369 | A wonderful, creative collection of works by young Australian poets, aged from eight to eighteen years to inspire would-be poets and readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 707973 | Veitch, Michael Hell ship | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760630843 | For more than a century and a half, a grim tale has passed down through Michael Veitch's family: the story of the Ticonderoga, a clipper ship that sailed from Liverpool in August 1852, crammed with poor but hopeful emigrants - mostly Scottish victims of the clearances and the potato famine. Hoping for a better life in Australia. Three months later, a ghost ship crept into Port Phillip Bay flying the dreaded yellow flag of contagion. Deadly typhus had erupted, killing a quarter of the passengers and leaving many more desperately ill. Sharks followed the ship. Panic stuck Melbourne. James William Henry Veitch was the ship's assistant surgeon, on his first appointment to sea. Annie Morrison was a volunteer who helped him. Michael Veitch is their great-great grandson and Hell Ship is a well researched narrative which brings to life the hardships and horrors endured by those who came by sea to seek a new life in Australia. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 18378 | Venables, Stephen To the top: story of Everest, The | Walker Books | 2004 | 9781844287253 | Contains historical and informative stories of various expeditions to Mount Everest. Many colour prints are incorporated into this rewarding and fascinating book. |
| 48010 | Vercoe, Elizabeth Keep your hair on | Black Dog Books | 2003 | 9781876372187 | Drawn from the author's life experiences, this is the story of sixteen year old Vess who is returning to school after her cancer treatment. She is trying to stay positive under very difficult circumstances. |
| 673 | Verne, Jules Around the world in 80 days | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2008 | 9780141035871 | One evening, while relaxing at his gentleman's club, Phileas Fogg rashly bets that he can travel the entire globe in 80 days. The unflappable Englishman is determined not to lose this extraordinary wager as he sets off for Dover with his not so cool-headed, French manservant, Passepartout. |
| 8000 | Verne, Jules Journey to the centre of the earth | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2008 | 9780141321042 | An ancient book is opened by the eccentric Professor Lidenbrock and his life, and that of his nephew, Axel, is changed for ever. An old piece of paper has tumbled from the book, a priceless parchment that will lead them on a terrifying journey to find what lies at the centre of the Earth. |
| 85 | Verolme, Hetty Children's house of Belsen, The | Fremantle Press | 2001 | 9781863682527 | A true account of the author's time spent as a prisoner in Belsen concentration camp, 1943-1945. The fear and uncertainty of the time are depicted simply, focusing on the positives not just the horrors associated with this period and place. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 751187 | Vick, Chris Girl. Boy. Sea. | Zephyr | 2019 | 9781789541380 | A young British boy called Bill narrowly survives the sinking of his yacht in a huge storm off the coast of Morocco. After many days alone at sea in a small boat he rescues another survivor, clinging for her life to a barrel. She is a girl called Aya, from the nomadic Berber tribe, whose migrant ship was destroyed by the same storm. Through endless days, a mere speck on the vast, empty sea - hungry, sunburned, and with no idea what will happen next - Aya recounts the tales of Shahrazad of the Arabian Nights, who told 1001 stories to quell the murderous desire of the Persian King. As hope of rescue begins to fade, from Aya's tales of magic, brave heroes, wily thieves, greedy kings and cruel sultans, they find the strength they need to stay alive. |
| 27638 | Vincent, Erin Grief girl: my true story | Pan MacMillan | 2007 | 9780330422987 | Erin Vincent's parents are killed in a terrible car crash when she is just fourteen. The book recollects how Erin, her seventeen year old sister and three year old brother are left to cope on their own. A really powerful book that gives an honest account of being a teenager, and dealing with usual teenage concerns and real emotions in the aftermath of losing both parents. |
| 587837 | ⦿ Vives, Bastien Polina | Vintage/Ebury (Random House) | 2014 | 9780224096935 | As a very young girl, Polina Oulinov is taken on as a special pupil by the famous ballet teacher Professor Bojinsky. He is very demanding and refuses to adapt his standards to the talents of his pupils, and Polina has to work hard and make great sacrifices in order to reach the level Bojinsky senses she has the talent for. When she graduates and is admitted to the official theatre school, she discovers that Bojinsky's view of ballet is only one of many and that she can't adapt to new rules, new visions. She flees Russia for Berlin, where she meets a group of drama students. Together they create a new form of theatre, and conquer the world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 280 | ⦿ Vondra, Josef No-name bird: a story of East Timor | Penguin | 2000 | 9780140283174 | A parallel is drawn between Jose and the other people of East Timor during the invasion by Indonesia, and the spirit of Uncle Adolfo's fighting bird. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 35589 | ⦿ Vu, Peter Paper cranes don't fly | Ford Street Publishing | 2017 | 9781925272765 | Suffering from an incurable disease, Adam Auttenberg sees the hospital as his second home. With some long-term special friends and an exciting new friendship he faces the toughest challenge. Peter Vu uses his own experiences to create an emotive text as a page turner. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 16954 | Wadds, Gillian M Sea secrets | Lothian Books | 2007 | 9780734409782 | Young Zena and her Year 7 school friends investigate a mystery that seems to indicate the presence of abalone poachers in her coastal town, a declared marine sanctuary. When a new boy at school goes missing, events unravel and interlink, causing Zena to grow up fast. She gains new understanding of her parents, her friends, and herself. |
| 2339 | Wagner, Michael Destiny's right hand | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143304210 | While stumbling through a harsh world of hopes and expectations, teenage journalist, Eddie Innocent, meets the stunning but strange Destiny. As they work together to solve a painful mystery, Eddie wonders if he's finally discovered the front page news story he's been looking for. |
| 3960 | Waite, Judy Shadow | Walker Books | 2002 | 9780744590050 | Premonition is a band hoping to make it big but they need somewhere to practise. Tom suggests the old warehouse but Billy has a bad feeling about it. Tom is angry, thinking Billy is putting it on but, as anger grows, a shadow falls over the band. |
| 17657 | Wakefield, Vikki Ballad for a mad girl | Text Publishing Co | 2017 | 9781925355291 | Grace is a risk taker and never one to say no to a dare. So when she is challenged to walk "the pipe" at a local disused quarry, she accepts the challenge. But partway along the pipe, she has a supernatural experience she just can't explain. No one believes she has been hearing the voice of Hannah since walking the pipe, because Hannah is dead. As Grace sinks deeper into a decades-old local mystery, she herself starts to fear she is becoming a Mad Girl. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 581495 | Walker, Di Unpacking Harper Holt | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781760650599 | Harper Holt has just about had it with moving. Every six months or even less, Harper's family moves to a different place, and she can hardly ever settle down. However, when something devastating happens, Harper's life is tipped upside down and she realises what she had and how much she wishes to go back to the way things always were. |
| 15135 | Walker, Richard & Murphy, Gabrielle Dr Body: bones, muscle, blood and other body bits | Dorling Kindersley | 2001 | 9780751330786 | Highly informative, pocket-sized fact book on human anatomy and physiology. Contains an index, glossary, websites and reference section. |
| 13953 | Walker, Sue Arnie Avery | Walker Books | 2010 | 9781921529726 | Lately, nothing is going right for thirteen year old Arnie. Ever since it happened, his family, especially his mother, has been behaving strangely. At school, he is accused of cheating and now Jacko has challenged him to a fight. He has to get his life sorted out and deal with what happened. |

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| 8621 | Walter, Jon Close to the wind | David Fickling Books | 2015 | 9781910200179 | A war torn country, a town that is burning. Ten year old Malik's mother has been missing for days, his home has become unrecognisable and the grandfather he hardly knows is insisting they leave on the final ship, to a country promising safety and a new life. When Papa meets two old friends, he makes a deal that could save them. But, this is only the beginning of the journey for Malik. If he is to escape, he will need all his courage, his sense of right and wrong, and a magic trick that he must practice until it's perfect. |
| 846235 | Walton, Jessica and Aska (ill) Stars in their eyes | Fremantle Press | 2021 | 9781760990718 | Pop culture-obsessed Maisie can't wait to get to her first Fancon. But being a queer, disabled teenager with chronic pain comes with challenges. Can Maisie make it through the day without falling over, falling in love or accidentally inspiring anyone? Maisie has always dreamed of meeting her hero, Kara Bufano, an amputee actor who plays a kick-arse amputee character in her favourite show. Fancon is big and exciting and exhausting. Then she meets Ollie, a cute volunteer who she has a lot in common with. Could this be the start of something, or will her mum, who doesn't seem to know what boundaries are, embarrass her before she and Ollie have a chance? |
| 24023 | Wang, Gabrielle Little paradise | Penguin Books Australia | 2010 | 9780143011477 | In Melbourne, in 1943, Mirabel is seventeen. She's leaving school, designing drsses and falling in love. Then, fate intervenes, her forbidden affair is discovered and JJ is posted back to China where a civil war is raging. Despite all warnings, Mirabel sets off for Shanghai and travels through great danger to find her true love. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 751024 | Ward, Gareth Rise of the Remarkables, The: Brasswitch and Bot | Walker Books | 2020 | 9781760652210 | Victorian York is a prejudice society with a vendetta against aberrations. Wrench is a burgeoning Brasswitch. As she discovers her powers, she also discovers that being a Brasswitch can get you killed. When recruited by the department of Regulators, Wrench is drawn into a dangerously deceitful and deadly world. |

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| 35559 | Ward, Gareth Traitor and the Thief, The | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781925381504 | <p>Discovered picking pockets at Coxford Corn Market, fourteen year old Sin is hunted across the city. Caught by the enigmatic Eldritch Moons, Sin is offered a way out of his life of crime: join the Covert Operations Group (COG) and train to become a spy. At Lenheim Palace, Sin learns spy craft while trying not to break the Cast-Iron Rules of the school. Befriended by eccentric Zonda Chubb, together they endeavour to unmask a traitor causing havoc within the palace. After an assassination attempt on the founder of COG, Sin realises that someone closest to him could be the traitor. With no other option, Sin is forced into an uneasy alliance with the school bully, Velvet Von Darque.</p> <p>But can he trust her? And will COG try to bury him with the secrets he discovers? Secrets, spies and steampunk gadgets abound in this fantastic adventure story.</p> |
| 445 | Ward, Glenyse Wandering girl | Magabala Books | 1996 | 9781875641246 | Glenyse, an aboriginal Australian, is forcibly taken from her parents and raised in a strict Catholic institution. At seventeen, she's sent to work as a domestic on a rich, West Australian farm where she's treated very harshly. Housed in a dirty garage, fed inferior food after cooking sumptuous meals for the family to eat in their luxurious dining room, given unfamiliar tasks with no instruction, Glenyse is debased and humiliated. |
| 29477 | Ward, Peter Dragon horse | Corgi Books | 2009 | 9780552553544 | Aeons ago, dragons spread terror across the Chinese empire. Their descendants became magnificent horses, which are now drawn into a battle, caused by an ancient evil and the destiny of two brothers. |
| 401 | Watson, James Talking in whispers | Penguin | 1998 | 9780141300795 | Set in Chile, this political thriller takes the reader on a physical and emotional journey into a military coup. A powerful and disturbing novel about one boy's attempt to reveal the abuse of power and torture used by the state. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 41228 | Watts, Frances Peony lantern, The | ABC Books | 2015 | 9780733332920 | When Kasumi leaves her remote village for the teeming city of Edo, her life is transformed. She has been chosen by a samurai to become a lady-in-waiting to his new wife. Kasumi is surprised as she has no skills for this role and, worst of all, she is always in trouble for speaking her mind. Surely, this will get her into trouble with her new mistress. When Kasumi learns of a secret that puts them both in danger, she must solve the mystery, behind the danger they face, in order to save herself and her mistress. |

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| 26951 | Webb, Catherine Extraordinary and unusual adventures of Horatio Lyle, The | Time Warner | 2006 | 9781904233787 | Set in Victorian London, a former Special Constable who loves science and inventions must solve a case for her Majesty's government. Mystery, conspiracy and even a touch of the supernatural. Blasphemous language may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 29511 | Webster, Allayne L. Cardboard palace, A | MidnightSun Publishing | 2017 | 9781925227253 | Jorge is from Romania. When he was very young, his parents sold him to Bill, a controller, who keeps Jorge in a small hut in a shanty town on the outskirts of Paris with other children. Jorge is forced to steal to stay alive and to give everything to Bill. When Jorge meets Australian chef Ricky, he finally has hope of redemption. But he must also save his friends Ada and Gino, before Bill finds out. |
| 660194 | Weetman, Nova Change of heart | Hardie Grant Egmont | 2019 | 9781760502522 | Talented Mack loves being in her band at her city high school. She lives between houses - either with her dad and his annoying girlfriend or her easygoing mum. During the holidays, she also loves spending time with her beloved grandmother, riding horses and baking at her country farm. In this pick a path story, you get to make Mack's decisions for her. Potential romance and friendship, break-ups and make-ups lie in store - you have the power to choose, and then choose again! |
| 751211 | Weetman, Nova Edge of thirteen, The | University of Queensland Press | 2021 | 9780702263125 | Clem is thirteen years old, and her whole world is changing whether she likes it or not. From Santa, to boyfriends, her body, and her complicated relationship with her parents. Normally she would rely on her best friend Bridge to help steer her through, but it seems like even that friendship is changing too. As a new school year starts, and Clem and her friends head off on school camp, Clem finds herself in lots of tricky new situations. |
| 4773 | Weetman, Nova Frankie and Joely | University of Queensland Press | 2015 | 9780702253638 | Frankie and Joely are best friends. It's summer and they escape the city and their mums for a country holiday. But, when Joely introduces Frankie to Thommo and Mack, her country cousins, it's soon clear that more than the heat is getting under their skins. Simmering jealousies and festering secrets test their friendship. Local boy Rory stirs things up even more and secrets start to blister. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2333 | Weetman, Nova Haunting of Lily Frost, The | University of Queensland Press | 2014 | 9780702250156 | When Lily Frost's parents move to a country town called Gideon, things are dire. Lily has left her best friend and knows no one. But, someone seems to know her and it isn't exactly welcoming. Lily is thrown into the path of cute local boy, Danny, but he's not giving anything away. It's up to Lily to make sense of the watery footprints on her floor and the cold air that constantly seeps into her bones. |

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| 6416 | Weetman, Nova Everything is changed | University of Queensland Press | 2016 | 9780702254161 | Jake and Alex. Best mates. One terrible mistake. Two lives that will never be the same. Told in reverse, this powerful and gritty novel moves through the wreckage of a broken friendship, back to the moment when everything changed. |
| 23346 | Wegelius, Jakob Murderer's ape, The | Pushkin Press | 2017 | 9781782691617 | Sally Jones is not only a loyal friend, she's an extraordinary individual. In overalls or in a maharaja's turban, this unique gorilla moves among humans without speaking but understanding everything. She and the Chief are devoted comrades who operate a cargo boat. A job they are offered pays big bucks, but the deal ends badly, and the Chief is falsely convicted of murder. For Sally Jones this is the start of a harrowing quest for survival and to clear the Chief's name. Powerful forces are working against her, and they will do anything to protect their secrets. |
| 3939 | Weiner, Jennifer Littlest Bigfoot, The | Aladdin Publishing | 2016 | 9781481470742 | How would it feel to find out that there was another world out there, a world beneath the world, hidden away like the secret caramel centre of a chocolate or a pearl tucked in an oyster's shell? A world where Alice could be accepted, even loved? To know that the world existed, but that she could never go there, that the doors would always be locked against her...Millie didn't want to think about it. |
| 681154 | Welch, Jenna Evans Love and Gelato | Walker Books | 2017 | 9781406372328 | The dying wish of 16-year-old Lina's mother was for her daughter to live in Tuscany and get to know her father Howard, whom Lina has never met. Why did her mother wait so long to tell her about him? Waiting for her at Howard's home is a journal kept by her mother while she was a photography student in Florence. With the help of her mother's journal and her neighbour Ren, Lina uncovers a magical world full of secret romances, art and hidden bakeries. But she also learning more about her mother than ever before, following in her footsteps, and finding out the truth about her father. But mostly she finds out about herself. |
| 5638 | Welford, Ross 1000-year-old boy, The | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2018 | 9780008256944 | Alfie Monk is like any other pre-teen, except he's 1000 years old and can remember when Vikings invaded his village and he and his family had to run for their lives. When he loses everything he loves in a tragic fire and the modern world finally catches up with him, Alfie embarks on a mission to change everything by finally trusting Aidan and Roxy enough to share his story, and enlisting their help to find a way to, eventually, make sure he will eventually die. |

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| 6516 | Welford, Ross Time travelling with a hamster | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2016 | 9780008156312 | My dad died twice. Once when he was thirty nine and again, four years later, when he was twelve. The first time had nothing to do with me. The second time definitely did. When Al Chaudhury discovers his late dad's time machine, he finds that going back to the 1980s requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, burglary and setting his school on fire. All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer. |
| 20769 | West, Ella Night vision | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2014 | 9781743317662 | Viola can't go out in the sun. If she does, it will kill her. Even fluorescent lights can do her harm. So, her parents invest in night vision goggles and let her roam the nearby forest at night for fun. When Viola sees something that she will not ignore, she has a choice to make. But, choices come with consequences and hers may have dangerous implications. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5410 | West, Ella Rain fall | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760296834 | A missing neighbour, a mysterious boy, a murder? Fifteen year old Annie is off to her basketball game in her sleepy New Zealand town when she sees a raincoat floating down the river. This starts a chain of events that will rock Annie's world. Police want to investigate her neighbour for murder, but before they can, he blows up his own house and goes on the run. Strangers come to town, including a dark-haired cowboy with the most amazing horse Annie has ever seen. As her world begins to crumble around her, Annie sets out to uncover the secret that could rip her small community apart. |
| 242 | Westall, Robert Machine gunners, The | Pan Macmillan London | 2001 | 9780330397858 | Chas finds a crashed German bomber plane with a machine gun intact. During 1941, he and his friends believe that they can help the war effort in England. |
| 12278 | Westerfeld, Scott Afterworlds | Penguin | 2014 | 9780143572046 | Darcy, a budding author, arrives in New York City, to live her dream life as a published author of a novel, 'Afterworlds'. Told in alternating chapters is Darcy's novel, a suspenseful thriller about Lizzie, a teen who slips into the 'Afterworld', a place between the living and the dead, to survive a terrorist attack. The stories intertwine and one reality becomes the other. A challenging read; usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 3972 | Westerfeld, Scott Horizon | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781743817605 | When a plane crash-lands in the arctic, eight young survivors step from the wreckage expecting to see nothing but ice and snow. Instead they find themselves lost in a strange jungle with no way to get home and little hope of rescue. Food is running out. Water is scarce. And the jungle is full of threats unlike anything the survivors have ever seen before- from razor-beaked shredder birds to carnivorous vines and much, much worse. With danger at every turn, these eight kids must learn to work together to survive. But cliques and rivalries threaten to tear them apart. And not everyone will make it out of the jungle alive. |
| 6530 | Westerfeld, Scott Imposters | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760528249 | Frey was raised to take a bullet. She's the body double for her twin sister Rafia - the precious heir of the first family of Shreve - and her existence is a closely guarded secret. So while Rafi was schooled in poise and diplomacy, Frey was drilled in weapons and combat. Her purpose: to protect her sister from their tyrannical father's many enemies. When Frey is sent in Rafi's place as collateral in a precarious business deal, she becomes the perfect impostor - as elegant and charming as her sister. But Col Palafox, the son of a rival leader, is getting close enough to spot the killer inside her. As layers of deceit peel away, can Frey become her own person, and risk everything in a rebellion? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 652337 | Westerfeld, Scott Shatter City | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2019 | 9781760528256 | Rafi's engagement party is the talk of the feeds. Her dress is spectacular and her fiance, Col Palafox, is charming. But Rafi and Col are both prisoners - with bomb collars around their necks. Surveillance dust records their every move, tracks every glance. And there will be deadly consequences if Rafi's father realises that it's Frey who stayed behind in Shreve, while Rafi escaped with the rebels. With help from the rebels, Frey and Col must try to reach the neighbouring city of Paz, where they hope to be safe. But Frey and Rafi's father has destructive plans even for the City of Peace. When the dust settles after the disaster he initiates, will Frey be able to find a way to survive? Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| | Westerfeld, Scott Uglies series NEW 2019 | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. This series is usually read by students in year 9, 10 and above. |
| 7742 | Westerfeld, Scott & Lanagan, Margo & Biancotti, Deborah Swarm | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781925267242 | Two strangers with new powers take to the dance floor at the Zeroes' underground nightclub. The Zeroes pursue them, only to discover that they're fleeing an even more sinister power-wielder, Swarm. If they are to stay safe, the Zeroes must learn all they can about this dangerous new player. But, each of the Zeroes has their own issues to deal with. It's up to Flicker to pick up the reins and lead the Zeroes into a terrifying showdown. Sequel to Zeroes. Mature themes. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 or above. |
| 6831 | Westerfeld, Scott & Lanagan, Margo & Biancotti, Deborah Zeroes | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781925266955 | Six teens have powers that set them apart. Ethan has a voice inside him that'll say what you want to hear, true or not. This is handy, except when the voice starts gabbing in the middle of a bank robbery. To help Sam, the group's leader pulls the scattered Zeroes back together. But, the rescue goes wrong and they must deal with dangerous criminals. In the chaos, they find Kelsie, who can take a crowd in the palm of her hand and tame it, or let it loose as she pleases. Mature themes. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above. |
| | Westerfeld, Scott & Thompson, Keith (ill) The Leviathan trilogy series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |

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| 28907 | Weston, Paula Undercurrent, The | Text Publishing Co | 2017 | 9781925498233 | Eighteen-year-old Julianne De Marchi is different. As in - she has an electrical undercurrent beneath her skin that stings and surges like a live wire. She can use it-to spark a fire, maybe even end a life - but she doesn't understand what it is. And she can barely control it, especially when she's anxious. Ryan Walsh was on track for a stellar football career when his knee blew out. Now he's a soldier - part of an experimental privatised military unit that has identified Jules De Marchi as a threat. Is it because of the weird undercurrent she's tried so hard to hide? Or because of her mother Angie's history as an activist against bio-engineering and big business? It's no coincidence that Ryan and Jules are in the same place at the same time - he's under orders to follow her, after all. But then an explosive attack on a city building by an unknown enemy throws them together in the most violent and unexpected way. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 25505 | Westwood, Chris Ministry of pandemonium | Frances Lincoln | 2011 | 9781847801906 | Ben Harvester doesn't make friends easily, preferring to spend his time and his talent for drawing in graveyards. It is in one such cemetery that Ben discovers another of his gifts, the ability to see the newly-dead. He is drawn into a battle of good against evil, with grotesque creatures seemingly gaining the ascendancy, while Ben is both the cause of the trouble and also its solution. |
| 677707 | Whateley, Anna Peta Lyre's rating normal | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760525309 | Peta Lyre is far from typical. The world she lives in isn't designed for the way her mind works, but when she follows her therapist's rules for 'normal' behaviour, she can almost fit in without attracting attention. When a new girl, Sam, starts at school, Peta's carefully structured routines start to crack. But on the school ski trip, with romance blooming and a newfound confidence, she starts to wonder if maybe she can have a normal life after all. When things fall apart, Peta must decide whether all the old rules still matter. Does she want a life less ordinary, or should she keep her rating normal? Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 4374 | Wheatle, Alex Crongton knights | Little, Brown CO | 2016 | 9780349002323 | For McKay, living on the South Crongton council estate has become even tougher since his mum died. His dad is working all hours, his brother rides the streets at night, tempting trouble. And, after an heroic but misguided mission to help a girl, McKay is facing a crazy ex-boyfriend, power-tripping hood-rats and a violent gangster. He never asked for trouble. During one mad night of adventure and danger, McKay will find out who his true friends are and what it means to stick with family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 5239 | Wheatle, Alex Liclle Bit | Atom Publishing | 2015 | 9780349001999 | Venetia King is the coolest girl at school. Too bad Lemar is the second shortest guy in his year. Everyone calls him Liclle Bit. Things aren't much better at home. His mum is permanently hassled, his sister a frustrated single mum and his dad moved out years ago. Liclle Bit wishes he could do something to make life better. Even a new phone would be good. When a gang war breaks out, Liclle Bit somehow finds himself running errands for Crongton's notorious gang leader. But, when he hears about a killing on the estate, Liclle is forced to question his choices. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2359 | Wheatley, Nadia House that was Eureka, The | Text Publishing Co | 2013 | 9781922147189 | Two tales twist together at 203 Liberty Street, Newtown. In 1985, sixteen year old Evie and her family move into a new home, which appears to be haunted. Evie dreams of running footsteps, shouting voices and loud banging. Fifty years previously, during the Great Depression, Lizzie and her family live at number 203. Her family faces eviction and the local communist movement barricades the house. The final chapters reveal the connections between the past and the present. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 33 | Wheatley, Nadia My Australian story: A banner bold, the diary of Rosa Aarons, Ballarat Goldfield, 1854 | Scholastic Australia | 2000 | 9781865042640 | Rosa goes to the Ballarat goldfields with her parents in 1854, during the lead up to the Eureka Stockade. She keeps a daily journal of her experiences - a fresh and interesting minutiae of daily life on the goldfields. |
| 9226 | Wheatley, Nadia & staff & students of Papunya School Papunya School book of country and history | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2001 | 9781865085258 | A unique and fascinating account, from an Indigenous perspective, of the history of Western Desert communities. |
| 9333 | Whelan, Gloria Homeless bird | Frances Lincoln | 2009 | 9781845079772 | At thirteen, Koly enters a traditional Indian, arranged marriage and is widowed in months. She is imprisoned in her husband's home until abandoned to spend her days in worship with other widows. Koly discovers opportunities and savage crimes among those who would help her and those who would exploit her. |

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| 695636 | White, Dee Beyond belief | Omnibus Books | 2020 | 9781760662516 | Inspired by the true story of Muslims who saved the lives of Jewish children in the Second World War. In 1942, in the Grand Mosque in Paris, 11-year-old Ruben is hiding from the Nazis. Already thousands of Jewish children have disappeared. But when the Mosque is raided, Ruben is forced to flee. |
| 4912 | White, Dee Letters to Leonardo | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781921150883 | It's Matt's fifteenth birthday and he receives a card from his mother, whom he grew up believing to be dead. Feeling betrayed by both his parents, he begins writing letters to Leonardo da Vinci to help sort out the mess in his head. Through the connections he makes between his own life and that of Leonardo, Matt unravels the mystery and discovers his mother's secrets. Includes complex issues about mental health. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 260 | White, T H Mistress Masham's repose | Antique Collectors Club | 2001 | 9781851497003 | Maria discovers a group of Lilliputians and must protect them from her governess and a cunning vicar. |
| 289 | White, T H Once and future king | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1996 | 9780006483014 | A legend of King Arthur set in the 13th century. |
| 7251 | White, T H Sword in the stone, The | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 1999 | 9780006753995 | A mythical story of Arthur and his quest led by Merlin, the sorcerer. |
| 5456 | Whiting, Sue Missing | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781760650032 | Mackenzie's world has been turned upside down with the disappearance of her mother following a scientific journey photographing bats in Panama. Her father's sudden and rash decision for Mackenzie to join him in searching for Maggie where she was last seen becomes even more unsettling when he becomes ill and Mackenzie must decide what to do when she comes across some potentially helpful information. |
| 1196 | Whiting, Sue Portraits of Celina | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781922077479 | Following the death of her father, Bayley's family is not coping, with her sister's rebellious behaviour and her brother feeling guilt about his role in the accident. Bayley is trying to keep things together for everyone. Mum decides a move to an old family home in the country is best, where there is the 40 year old unsolved disappearance of Bayley's cousin, who is using Bayley to seek revenge. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 36871 | Whitley, David Children of the lost, The | Penguin | 2010 | 9780141330129 | Mark and Lily have been banished from Agora, the ancient city-state where everything is for sale, memories, emotions and even children. Lost and alone they discover Giseth, a seemingly perfect land where everyone is equal and possessions are unknown. Lily believes they will find the secret of their entwined destiny. But paradise comes at a price. |

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| 95396 | Whitley, David Midnight charter, The | Puffin UK | 2009 | 9780141323718 | In the city of Agora, anything can be bought and sold. Even children are possessions until their twelfth birthday. Mark has been sold by his father, and Lily, an orphan from birth, has bartered for her life. Thrown together, they face an existence of poverty and servitude, unless they can find a way to break free. But, unbeknown to Mark and Lily, they are being watched by the ruler of the city. |
| 6044 | Whitney, David & Beedie, Duncan (ill) Get coding 2! Build five computer games with HTML and JavaScript | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781406382495 | Learn to code five fun computer games in this essential beginner's guide for kids using the popular programming languages HTML and JavaScript. From Mario to Minecraft, discover the basic concepts behind computer games such as loops, ticks, scores, graphics and AI. Then follow the easy step-by-step Game Builds, and learn how to code five ground-breaking games, including Noughts and Crosses, Snake and Table Tennis. Short and simple explanations are given alongside examples of code and there is a supporting website if you get stuck. |
| 578988 | Whittaker, Alison Blakwork | Magabala Books | 2018 | 9781925360851 | BLAKWORK is a powerful collection of memoir, reportage, fiction, satire and critique through which the themes of great loss and the desire for a different future, emerge. Through her innovative and powerful poetic voice, Whittaker merges her own personal experiences with her research into Australian history and political decisions, to create a fearless and unsparing portrayal of the Australia presented through other interpretations; a portrayal that challenges the readers' understanding and invites them to rethink the identity and place projected onto the traditional custodians of the land. Usually read by students in year 9, 10 and above. |
| 660711 | Whittle, Cate Emergency rescue angel | Omnibus Books | 2020 | 9781760669263 | Life has returned to routine for Mitch. Mostly. He's had to find a new kind of normal after his dad drowned saving a local kid. But now there's a new girl in Mitch's class and she's stirring things up. Her name is Max and she dresses a bit like a goth, and suddenly seems to be everywhere. One night Mitch sees Max and she looks different. She has ... big feathery wings. It turns out Max is an angel, but not quite how you'd imagine one. She is Mitch's emergency rescue angel, and just the kind of friend you want on your side when life gets tricky. |
| 18485 | Whyman, Matt Wild, The | Hodder Children's Books (Australia) | 2005 | 9780340884539 | A poignant, sad story of the bond between two brothers, Alexi and Misha, who salvage and sell Soviet space junk. When Misha suffers seizures, Alexi takes his young brother to Moscow for proper treatment, leaving behind their family and livelihood. |

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| 27161 | Wilcock, Lizzie Thirst | Scholastic Australia | 2015 | 9781742839660 | Fourteen year old Karanda Hooke doesn't need anybody or anything. On her way to her sixth foster home, a crash leaves her stranded in the outback, with only a backpack, a bottle of water and a stained picture of the mother she hasn't seen in years. This is her chance to escape her old life. There's only one thing in her way. Eight year old Solomon, a fellow foster child, who was also in the car. |
| 587875 | Wild, Ailsa & Barr, Briony & Crocetti, Gregory Squid, the vibrio & the moon, The | Scale free network | 2019 | 9781486309894 | When he hatches from his egg, Sepio, a baby bobtail squid, is not able to glow. His dark shape is too obvious in the moonlit water and all kinds of predators lurk nearby. Ali, an intrepid Vibrio fischeri bacterium, is determined to reach safety too. A picture book about the symbiotic relationship between a bobtail squid and a bacterium. |
| 3923 | Wild, Ailsa & Hutchings, Ben (ill) Invisible war, the | Scale free network | 2016 | 9780992587253 | While treating a patient with dysentery, Sister Annie Barnaby encounters a strain of lethal bacteria. As the invaders journey deep into her gut, the resident microbes must fight to survive and Annie's life hangs in the balance. Enter the phage, a deadly viral predator, ready to wage war to protect their host. Created by an expert team of scientists, artists, educators, writers and historians, The Invisible war is a story like no other. |
| 43366 | Wild, Margaret Vanishing moment, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743315903 | Arrow is haunted by a childhood tragedy. Marika is caught in a nightmare from which there is no escape. They are both looking for answers and when they come across a magician, they are tempted by a possibility of a way out. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 18694 | Wild, Margaret & Spudvilas, Anne (ill) Woolvs in the sitee | Penguin | 2006 | 9780670041671 | A boy living alone must face his greatest fear, the woolvs (wolves). A dark, brooding story with strong illustrations. Ideal for visual literacy. |
| 2083 | Wilde, Oscar Happy prince, The and other stories | Wordsworth Editions Ltd | 2002 | 9781853261237 | A collection of Wilde's classic stories that include The Selfish Giant and The Happy Prince. The story of the statue of a once pleasure-loving Prince who, with the help of a once selfish swallow, helps the poor and suffering people in their distress. |
| 15898 | Wilkinson, Carole Atmospheric | Black Dog Books | 2016 | 9781925126372 | Talking about the weather used to be small talk. Now, it's the hottest topic on Earth. We can't survive without Earth's atmosphere yet, most of the time, we ignore it. Our atmosphere is treated as a rubbish dump for our greenhouse gas emissions. Slowly but surely, what we are doing is changing the Earth's climate. In small chunks, this book cuts through the many voices raised around climate change to tell the story of our atmosphere, what is putting our climate at risk and what we can do about it. |

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| 9320 | Wilkinson, Carole Black snake: the daring of Ned Kelly | Black Dog Books | 2005 | 9781876372934 | Offers historical insights, without glorification, into the life of the outlaw as told by characters present at the various events in Ned's life. Supported by archival photographs, press clippings and quotes from correspondence and other documents. |
| 2999 | Wilkinson, Carole Dragon dawn | Black Dog Books | 2008 | 9781742030623 | At less than 1000 years old, Danzi is a young dragon. He should be hibernating for winter but has an obligation to deliver an inheritance to the family of his old Dragonkeeper's family. His duty is interrupted when he rescues a man from some brutal soldiers. It is a dangerous time for a dragon to be without a keeper. |
| 3978 | Wilkinson, Carole Fromelles: Australia's bloodiest day at war | Black Dog Books | 2011 | 9781742031767 | The first shots were fired at eleven am on 19 July 1916. The Battle of Fromelles lasted less than twenty-four hours and, when it was over, more than five thousand Australian soldiers had been killed, wounded or taken prisoner. More soldiers died at Fromelles than in the Boer, Korean and Vietnam wars combined. Almost a century later, the attention of the world has once again turned to Fromelles. Usually read by students in Years 9,10 or above. |
| 38238 | Wilkinson, Carole Hatshepsut: the lost Pharaoh of Egypt | Black Dog Books | 2008 | 9781742030135 | Hatshepsut was the eldest daughter of Tuthmosis I, a pharaoh who ruled Egypt. Her mother was Queen Ahmose. Explore the mystery surrounding her life and her reign. You can decide if she was a strong ruling pharaoh or a power-hungry princess. |
| 581428 | Wilkinson, Carole Inheritance | Walker Books | 2018 | 9781760650360 | Forced to live with her grandfather at the remote family property that has been in her family for generations, Nic wonders how she will survive without mobile reception or Wi-Fi. She begins to explore the family home, finding cryptic clues that she hopes will lead to information about her mother who died on the day she was born. Nic finds something even better, a way to travel back in time, a way to find out about her ancestors. What she discovers though is a dark secret that still haunts the land and the people who live there. Can she change the terrible events of the past, is there some way to undo the atrocities of her ancestors? |

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| 571050 | Wilkinson, Lili After the lights go out | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2018 | 9781760297299 | What happens when the lights go off after what might truly be an end-of-the-world event? How do you stay alive? Who do you trust? How much do you have to sacrifice? Seventeen-year-old Pru Palmer lives with her twin sisters, Grace and Blythe, and their father, Rick, on the outskirts of an isolated mining community. The Palmers are doomsday preppers. They have a bunker filled with non-perishable food and a year's worth of water. One day while Rick is at the mine, the power goes out. At the Palmers' house, and in the town. All communication is cut. No one knows why. It doesn't take long for everything to unravel. In town, supplies run out and people get desperate. The sisters decide to keep their bunker a secret. The world is different; the rules are different. Survival is everything, and family comes first. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 2835 | Wilkinson, Lili Boundless sublime, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9781760113360 | Ruby's younger brother has died and her family is torn apart. Ruby feels his death so personally that she has shut herself off from her usual world. When she meets Fox, an idiosyncratic but gentle loner, Ruby is drawn into his special, little community. Fox seems to understand what she's going through and offers her a chance to find peace. But, Ruby discovers that he lives in a terrifying, secretive cult community that is far from the ideal world she expected. Gripping, confronting read. Usually read by Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 750975 | Wilkinson, Lili Erasure initiative, The | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2020 | 9781760525057 | A girl wakes up on a bus, but has no memory of how she got there and what she's doing there. There are other passengers too and it soon becomes obvious that they don't have any memories either. Then begins a series of tests where the passengers decide the outcome. At first the tests seem harmless enough but soon it becomes obvious the passengers are doing more than making judgements on imagined scenarios - in fact the tests become a case of life or death. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10, or above. |
| 4452 | Wilkinson, Lili Green valentine | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2015 | 9781760110277 | Astrid is popular, clever and an environmental activist. Hiro is rude, resentful, and doesn't see the point of school. When they meet, Hiro's wrangling shopping trolleys and doesn't recognise Astrid, who's wearing a lobster suit to highlight a threatened species. She wants to change the world, he wants to survive it. But, ultimately, both believe that the world needs to be saved from itself. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 18803 | Wilkinson, Lili Joan of Arc: the story of Jehanne Darc | Black Dog Books | 2006 | 9781921167003 | Through a mixture of narrative and historical sources, the extraordinary life of Joan of Arc is detailed from her childhood in the small village of Doremy to her eventual burning at the stake, at the tender age of 18. The story follows Joan's quest to have the Dauphin crowned as the true King of France and the English invaders defeated. |
| 44283 | Wilkinson, Lili Pocketful of eyes, A | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742376196 | Beatrice May Ross, otherwise known as Bee, is in her element working at the taxidermy department at the Museum of Natural History. But, her summer job is full of surprises. For starters, there's a dead body, a mysterious benefactor, a large stuffed tiger and a pocketful of glass eyes. Bee must sift through the clues to discover whether a murder has been committed. |
| 22815 | Wilkinson, Lili (ed) Short | Black Dog Books | 2008 | 9781742030340 | A collection of short stories and poems in which to dip in and out. Some of Australia and New Zealand's best known writers and illustrators for children are featured as well as contributions from young people. |
| 567935 | Williams Chima, Cinda Shadowcaster | HarperCollins Australia | 2017 | 9780062380982 | A warrior princess risking her throne to end a lifelong war. A young enemy soldier questioning his role in a game of life and death. If they join forces under the shadow of a new threat, will they survive to lead the resistance? |
| 2956 | Williams, Gabrielle Beatle meets Destiny | Penguin Books Australia | 2009 | 9780143011491 | Beatle normally doesn't go out on Friday the thirteenth but this is an exception. And, then, there's the attractive girl wearing sunglasses and reading a book. Not only is her name Destiny but her surname is McCartney, and since his real name is John Lennon, and for a whole lot of other spooky reasons, it seems destined that they will be together. But Beatle already has a girlfriend. Some language in context. Usually read by student in Years 9,10 or above. |
| 4369 | Williams, Gabrielle My life as a hashtag | Allen UNWIN Pty Ltd | 2017 | 9781760113681 | What's a girl to do when her parents have split up; her dad has a new girlfriend, her mum is internet dating and one of her best friends has decided not to invite her to the biggest party of the year (which she then has to watch the party unfold on everyone's else's social media!). If you're a girl called MC, you get mad as hell, that's what you do. But what begins as one girl's private no-holds-barred rant soon snowballs in the most public way possible. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 855840 | Williams, Jake Leonardo Da Vinci's life of invention | Pavilion | 2022 | 9781843654988 | Discover the fascinating life of Leonardo Da Vinci and his many interests and talents. From the Mona Lisa to his flying machines, Da Vinci's work includes some of the most famous, and quirky, pieces in history. |
| 723922 | Williams, Lily and Schneemann, Karen Go with the flow | First Second | 2020 | 9781250143174 | After a somewhat disastrous first day in a new high school, Sasha finds herself in the tight and caring friendship circle with Abby, Brit and Christine. Together they form a tight and supportive unit. The girls become united in their frustration at the lack of sanitary products in their school bathrooms, and the lack of interest in their call for support. Rallied by Abby, the girls try to get their cause noticed, but it might go a little too far. |
| 10056 | Williams, Marcia Archie's war | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406304275 | Archie's first hand experience of being in London during the Great War of 1914-1918 is told through his scrapbook. |
| 56 | Williams, Marcia Bravo, Mr William Shakespeare | Walker Books | 2001 | 9780744582376 | The Globe Theatre is delighted to announce a new season of Mr. William Shakespeare's plays. See As You Like It, Antony and Cleopatra, Richard III, Twelfth Night, King Lear, The Merchant of Venice and Much Ado About Nothing. Each play is presented in dramatic comic-strip form, including Mr Shakespeare's own dialogue and the riotous remarks of the audience. |
| 9260 | Williams, Marcia King Arthur and the knights of the round table | Walker Books | 1997 | 9780744547924 | The segments cover the classic tales of King Arthur and his origin; Excalibur and the Lady of the Lake; Morgan le Fay; Guinevere and the round table; Sir Lancelot of the Lake; Sir Lancelot's First Quest thwarting a dragon; Princess Elaine; Sir Galahad, the son of Sir Lancelot; 'Camelot; and the Grail Quests of Sir Lancelot, Sir Percival and Sir Galahad. |
| 59668 | Williams, Marcia Mr William Shakespeare's plays | Walker Books | 2009 | 9781406323344 | Take your place in the Globe Theatre of Shakespeare's day to see seven of his best-loved plays in performance. Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth, Julius Caesar, The Winter's Tale and The Tempest are all brought life in comic-strip versions, which include the bard's own dialogue and the rowdy remarks of the audience. |
| 89536 | Williams, Marcia (retell) Oliver Twist and other great Dickens stories | Walker Books | 2007 | 9781406305630 | A picture book retelling the classic tales by Charles Dickens. Stories included are Oliver Twist, Great Expectations, A Tale of Two Cities, David Copperfield and A Christmas Carol. |
| 42791 | Williamson, Lara Boy called Hope, A | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2014 | 9781409570318 | Eleven year old Dan Hope has a list of things he wants to come true. He wants his sister, Ninja Grace, to go to university at the North Pole and only come back once a year. He wants his dog, Charles Scalleybones the First, to stop eating the planets from his solar system mobile and throwing them up on the carpet. He want to help Sherlock Holmes solve his most daring mystery yet. But, most of all, he wants his dad to love him. |

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| 124556 | Wilson, Jacqueline Candyfloss | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2006 | 9780385608374 | Floss has a special bond with her penniless father with whom she shares a humorous relationship. By ignoring the teasing from her peers, she is able to discover true friendship. |
| 669478 | Wilson, Jacqueline Love Frankie | Doubleday | 2020 | 9780857535900 | Everyone expects that Frankie and her childhood friend, Sam, will become boyfriend and girlfriend, Even Sam seems to think this. Frankie is surrounded by loving family and friends, but it is Sally who fascinates Frankie and takes up all her time. Sally seems to like being adored, but is she actually interested in Frankie's affections? |
| 42400 | Wilson, Jacqueline My sister Jodie | Doubleday | 2008 | 9780385610124 | Pearl and Jodie, boy-mad sisters and best friends, are full of teen and pre-teen angst. Mum just can't cope with little girls who don't do as they're told, especially precocious Jodie whom, in her frustration, she often lashes out at physically. Pearl can't believe that Jodie would ever choose to leave her but perhaps her story won't have a happy ending. Coarse language used in context. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 72025 | Wilson, Leslie Saving Rafael | Andersen Press Ltd | 2009 | 9781842709184 | In Germany, in World War II, Jenny's father is taken prisoner by the Americans and her brother is killed. When the mother of her Jewish friend, Rafael, is taken by the Gestapo Jenny's family hides him. The story traces the dangers facing Jenny and Rafael, and their eventual escape. Adult themes, violence, coarse language. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 53254 | Wilson, Mark Angel of Kokoda | Hachette Children's Books | 2010 | 9780734411280 | Kari knows a lot about his jungle home but he doesn't know why there is fighting in the village of Kokoda. When Kari finds a wounded Australian soldier, he knows he cannot leave him. They must retreat along the Kokoda Track with the enemy following. |
| 27702 | Wilson, N D Dandelion fire | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2009 | 9781741664218 | Henry York discovers that he is a seventh son with the gift of second sight, an ability to tune into the hidden nature of people and objects. He will use this gift to combat the rising strength of the witch of Endor whose evil is all encompassing. |
| 5896 | Winston, Robert It's elementary: putting the crackle into chemistry | Dorling Kindersley | 2007 | 9781405318570 | Everything you see and touch is made of one or more of the over ninety discovered elements like oxygen, platinum and ytterbium. This book is packed with things to learn and explore and the extraordinary ways in which the elements affect our lives. |
| 22119 | Winston, Robert What goes on in my head | Dorling Kindersley | 2010 | 9781405353731 | Your brain is the most complicated and mysterious part of your body. It contains more than a billion cells and, every second, billions of electrical signals dart between these cells, at speeds of more than four hundred kilometres per hour. Find out why you laugh, why your parents can read your mind and why you have strange or scary dreams. |

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| 41498 | Winter, Tamsin Being Miss Nobody | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2017 | 9781474927277 | Rosalind wants to talk, she really does, but the only place she can is home. At school or anywhere in public, no matter how badly she wants to, her words get stuck and refuse to come out. Unsurprisingly, this has had a big impact on her life and as a consequence, she has no friends. You can imagine how tough it is for her, then, when she starts in Year 7 at Manor High. Pretty much instantly she is the target of bullies and her life becomes even more miserable than it already was. But a new therapist, and her little brother's total faith in her, lead Rosalind to becoming Miss Nobody - an online voice for the nobodies, the victims, the sad kids. And, at first, this seems to be a real step forward in her fight to be 'normal'. But then Miss Nobody's fame starts to morph into something more sinister. Is Miss Nobody actually just as much of a bully as the real bullies? |
| 846148 | Winter, Tamsin Girl (in real life) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2021 | 9781474978484 | Eva has been famous since before she was born. Every milestone, her first word, her first tantrum are all recorded and uploaded online for the whole world to see. All because her parents overshare her entire life on their super successful internet channel. And now they have posted about her first period. She has had enough. Enough of the stupid outfits, constant teasing at school and no privacy ever. She is taking back control of her life, even if it means taking down her own parents. |
| 18641 | Winterson, Jeanette Tanglewreck | Bloomsbury | 2006 | 9780747583554 | Clever, eleven year old heroine, Silver, is on a modern day quest to get time right. She must escape the villainous Abel Darkwater and find the timekeeper to save the people of London from the disasters caused by time tornadoes and time traps. |
| 48 | Winton, Tim Blueback | Pan MacMillan | 1999 | 9780330361620 | Abel Jackson is passionate about diving and is a natural in the water. Every day, he helps his mother earn their living from the sea and the land. It's hard work but Abel has the bush and the sky and the bay to himself. Until the day he meets Blueback, the fish that changes his life. |
| | Winton, Tim Lockie Leonard series | | | | Any two titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen. |





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| 781524 | Wolf, Allan Watch that ends the night, The: Voices of the Titanic | Candlewick Press | 2013 | 9780763663315 | While the fateful first voyage of the RMS Titanic is a well known event in history, Allan Wolf tells this story through the voices of dozens of real passengers and also creatively created imagined voices. This book gives you insight into the thoughts and actions of everyone from the captain of the Titanic to the world's richest man to the stokers forever shovelling coal in the giant furnaces which powered the unsinkable ship! |
| 579475 | Wolfer, Dianne Dog with seven names, The | Penguin Random House Australia | 2018 | 9780143787457 | A tiny dog is born on a remote cattle station. She should have died but for Elsie finding her, saving her, and naming her Princess. Elsie and Princess have a wonderful life until the War arrives. With Japanese air strikes coming closer, Elsie and her family leave the Pilbara for safety down south, but they can't take Princess. The little dog begins her adventures when she is taken by stockman Dave, who calls her Dog. She witnesses wonderful and terrible things, and gives courage and support to many humans. But through all her amazing adventures she never forgets her beloved Elsie...will she ever find her again? |
| 2347 | Wolfer, Dianne Shark caller, The | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2016 | 9780143780557 | Fourteen year old Isabel is returning to her birthplace in Papua New Guinea. She's eager to see her family again but there's a tragic reason for the trip. Izzy's twin brother, Ray, has died in a freak diving accident. Things have changed since their last visit. Logging threatens the community's way of life and sharks no longer answer the ancestral song of the shark callers. The clan needs someone to undertake a traditional and perilous diving ritual. It must be a twin from the shark calling lineage. Izzy is the last twin. |
| 17036 | Wolfer, Dianne & Harrison-Lever, Brian Photographs in the mud | Fremantle Press | 2005 | 9781920731205 | Jack and Hoshi are soldiers on opposite sides who meet on the Kokoda Track during World War Two. Graphic illustrations enrich this sensitive, realistic and harrowing story of the personal tragedy of two soldiers and their loved ones at home. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 and above. |
| 4213 | Wolk, Lauren Beyond the bright sea | Penguin | 2017 | 9780552574303 | Crow was just a baby when she was tied into a boat and pushed out to sea. When she washes up onto a tiny island, there are just 3 clues to her origin; a birthmark in the shape of a feather, a ruby ring and a sea-soaked letter with just a few cryptic words remaining. 12 years later, when a mysterious fire appears across the ocean, Crow starts to wonder who she is and where she came from. Crow will set out on a remarkable treasure hunt, and discover what it truly means to be a family. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 2850 | Wolk, Lauren Wolf Hollow | Corgi Books | 2016 | 9780552574297 | All her life, twelve year old Annabelle has lived in Wolf Hollow, a quiet, small Pennsylvania town, still scarred by two world wars. But, when cruel and manipulative Betty Glengarry arrives in class, Annabelle's calm world is shattered, along with everything she's ever known about right and wrong. When Betty disappears, suspicion falls on strange, gentle loner, Toby. As the community turns against him, Annabelle must do everything in her power to protect Toby and find Betty, before it's too late. |
| 3760 | Wolverton, Barry Vanishing island, The: The chronicles of the black tulip | HarperCollins US | 2015 | 9780062221919 | Bren Own was born and bred in a small port town. Map may appear to be dull and unadventurous to young Bren in 1599 before the arrival of a Dutch ship. A dying sailor and strange gift change his life forever. Bren will travel far and make new friends. There will be challenges and mysteries. There are codes and legends to unravel and danger in all corners. This is an adventure story set during the Age of Discovery. |
| 6180 | Woo, Eddie Woo's wonderful world of maths | Pan MacMillan | 2018 | 9781760554217 | Join Eddie Woo, award winning teacher and star of the Woo-tube channel) as he tells us how he came to love maths. Eddie mingles anecdotes with facts to bring the world of maths to life and make it fun, even for the most sceptical maths student. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 9402 | Wood, David Witches: plays for children, The | Puffin Australia | 2001 | 9780141310848 | Seven short plays explore interesting ways of portraying characters to excite and shock audiences, with lots of guidance on delivery and stage directions. |
| 4055 | Wood, Fiona Cloudwish | Pan MacMillan | 2015 | 9781743533123 | For sixteen year old scholarship student Van Uoc Phan, magic has never been part of the plan. She is all work and no play; responsible and rational; quiet on the outside, the noise of her tumbling private thoughts kept neatly within. So, when she makes a wish about golden boy rower, Billy Gardiner, and it seems to come true, her sense of rationality as well as her sense of self are thrown into a state of flux. |
| 69153 | Wood, Fiona Six impossible things | Pan MacMillan | 2010 | 9780330426060 | Fourteen year old Dan Cereill is not quite coping with moving house, new school hell, a mother with a failing wedding cake business, a just-out gay dad and an impossible crush on Estelle, the girl next door. His life is a mess but, for now, he's narrowed it down to just six things to achieve. Dan thinks they may be impossible. |

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| 947 | Wood, Fiona Wildlife | Pan MacMillan | 2013 | 9781742612317 | Boarding in the wilderness, sixteen year old Sibylla expects the gruesome outdoor program but not friendship and love complications. New girl, Lou, who is grieving and fragile, must consider her self-imposed detachment as she becomes intrigued by an unfolding drama involving Sibylla. As Sibylla confronts a tangle of betrayal, she needs to renegotiate everything. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 14518 | Wooding, Chris & Chernett, Dan (ill) Malice: you can't escape | Scholastic UK | 2009 | 9781407103945 | When Luke goes missing, his friends are dragged into the terrifying world of Malice, the underground comic. The evil Tall Jake takes children into a fantasy world where they can really die. It takes heroes like Seth and the loyalty of Kady to survive the violent, brutal comic-book pages. Be prepared to be very scared. |
| 5203 | Wright, Clare We are the rebels | Text Publishing Co | 2015 | 9781922182784 | Stories about The Eureka Stockade usually feature men and their roles in the rebellion. This book provides a whole new perspective, featuring the remarkable, vibrant women of Eureka, whose sheer determination shaped our national consciousness. This is their story and the story of the thousands of men, women and children who risked everything in their quest for gold. |
| 205 | Wrightson, Patricia I own the racecourse | Penguin | 1994 | 9780140368345 | Andy buys a racecourse from a tramp for three dollars. |
| 349 | Wrightson, Patricia Shadows of time | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 1994 | 9780091829506 | An orphaned girl and an outcast Aboriginal boy become involved in a spiritual journey at the time of European settlement in Australia. |
| 18674 | Wynne-Jones, Tim Boy in the burning house, The | Farrar, Straus and Giroux | 2003 | 9780374408879 | Ruth Rose, wild stepdaughter of the local preacher, believes he caused the disappearance of Jim Hawkin's father. Investigating the mystery puts both teenagers in mortal danger. A harrowing story with strong language in context. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 69527 | Wyss, Johann Swiss family Robinson, The | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2009 | 9780141325309 | Following a wild and raging storm, the Swiss family Robinson is stranded at sea. The thundering waves have swept them off to a tropical island, where a new life, with many dangers and delights, awaits them. |
| 22778 | Yang, Gene Luen American born Chinese | First Second | 2006 | 9781596431522 | When Jin Wang starts at a new school, he's the only Chinese-American student. He just wants to be an all-American boy. Danny is popular and great at basketball but his obnoxious Chinese cousin's annual visits are a disaster, ruining his reputation at school. The Monkey King is the most powerful monkey on earth and his story is one of the greatest Chinese fables. These three apparently unrelated characters come together with an unexpected twist. Graphic novel. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |

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| 1183 | Yaxley, Richard Joyous and Moonbeam | Omnibus Books | 2013 | 9781862919877 | Ashleigh is fifteen and her life makes her angry. Through a school project she meets Joyous, whose positive take on life helps to teach her to 'work things round a little'. |
| 3971 | Yaxley, Richard This is my song | Scholastic Australia | 2017 | 9781760276140 | Teenage musician Rafael is sent to a Nazi concentration camp in World War II, where he pushes music to the side in his effort to just survive. 30 years later in Canada, he has a small family, where his daughter Annie struggles to find her place in the countryside. Another 30 years later, in Australia, Joe is uncertain about himself, his future and whether music fits in with him. Includes mature themes. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3565 | Yoon, Nicola Sun is also a star, The | Penguin Books Ltd, UK | 2016 | 9780552574242 | Natasha: I'm a girl who believes in science and facts. Not fate. Not destiny. Daniel: I've always been the good son, the good student, living up to my parents' high expectations. Never the poet. Or the dreamer. The Universe: Every moment in our lives has brought us to this single moment. A million futures lie before us. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 3815 | Yoon, Nicola & Yoon, David (ill) Everything, everything | Corgi Books | 2015 | 9780552574235 | Maddy is allergic to the world. She hasn't left her house in seventeen years. Olly is the boy next door. He's determined to reach her. A story about the crazy risks we take for love. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 36465 | Young, Moira Blood red road | Simon SCHUSTER | 2011 | 9781442429987 | Saba and her brother, Lugh, have spent their whole lives in Silverlake, a dried-up wasteland ravaged by constant sandstorms. The Wrecker civilization has long been destroyed, leaving only landfills for Saba and her family to scavenge from. When a monster sandstorm and four cloaked horsemen arrive, Lugh is captured and Saba embarks on an epic quest, in the lawless, ugly world outside Silverlake, to get him back. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 4041 | Yousafzai, Malala & Lamb, Christina I am Malala | Little, Brown CO | 2013 | 9780316322409 | When the Taliban took control in Pakistan, Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On her way home from school, fifteen year old Malala was shot in the head by a member of the Taliban. She survived and began her extraordinary journey. Malala has become a global symbol of peaceful protest, the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate and a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. |

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| 773917 | ✱ Yousafzai, Malala and Welch, Liz We are displaced | Orion | 2021 | 9781474610056 | In this powerful and emotional book, Nobel Peace Prize winner and activist Malala Yousafzai shares various stories of displacement, including her own. Part memoir, part communal storytelling, the book introduces readers to some of the incredible girls Malala has met on her many journeys and lets each tell her story -- girls who have lost their community, relatives and often the only world they've ever known, but have not lost hope, with dreams for a better, safer world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 785 | 🕒 Zail, Suzy Alexander Altmann A10567 | Black Dog Books | 2014 | 9781922179999 | Alexander is a Jewish boy during World War II and is being held in a camp. To survive, he toughens up and vows to make friends with nobody. He is given the job of caring for the soldiers' horses, where he is ordered to break in the commander's new horse, who is scared and damaged. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 18682 | 🕒 Zevin, Gabrielle Elsewhere | Farrar, Straus and Giroux | 2005 | 9780374320911 | Killed in an accident, 15 year old Liz is sent to Elsewhere. She struggles to understand what has happened and how family and friends continue without her. But, in Elsewhere, Liz meets the grandmother she never knew, makes friends and falls in love. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 611375 | Zigomanis, Lazaros Song of the curlew | Busybird Publishing | 2017 | 9780648478935 | Luke Miggs wants more than small town life: the grind of chores on the family farm, playing lacklustre footy, beers with mates. Like maybe doing something about his crush on Amanda Hunt, a barmaid at the local pub who's smart, funny and ambitious. Or maybe playing footy in the big league. At eighteen it can't be too late, can it? There's his place in the Curlews, at least, although the team's little more than a bunch of battlers who play for the beers afterwards. If only they could take their footy seriously, like the reigning champions, the Little Reach Scorpions, who have dominated the competition for ten years. By the looks of this season, nothing is going to change. But when Adam Pride emerges from the night and tells the Curlews he wants to play for them, everything begins to change. A story of friendship, family, and coming of age, and how the choices of our past can come back to shape our future. |

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| 723896 |  Zoboi, Ibi (ed) Black enough: stories of being young and black in America | Balzer BRAY | 2020 | 9780062698735 | Black is...sisters navigating their relationship at summer camp in Portland, Oregon, as written by Renee Watson. Black is... three friends walking back from the community pool talking about nothing and everything, in a story by Jason Reynolds. Black is... Nic Stone's high-class beauty dating a boy her momma would never approve of. Black is... two girls kissing in Justina Ireland's story set in Maryland. Black is urban and rural, wealthy and poor, mixed race, immigrants, and more -- because there are countless ways to be Black enough. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |
| 2906 |  Zorn, Claire One would think the deep | University of Queensland Press | 2016 | 9780702253942 | Sam has always had things going on in his head that no-one else understands, not even his mum. Now she's dead, it's worse than ever. With his skateboard and a few belongings in a garbage bag, Sam goes to live with the strangers his mum cut ties with seven years ago, Auntie Lorraine and his cousins, Shane and Minty. As the days slowly meld into one another and ghosts from the past reappear, Sam has to make the ultimate decision. Mature read. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 875 |  Zorn, Claire Protected, The | University of Queensland Press | 2014 | 9780702250194 | Hannah's world is in pieces and she doesn't need the counsellor to tell her she has issues. With a depressed mum, an injured dad and a dead sister, Hannah should feel terrible but, for the first time, she feels a glimmer of hope. Maybe it's because Josh is taking an interest in her or maybe it runs deeper than that. In a family torn apart by grief and guilt, Hannah's struggle to come to terms with years of torment shows how long old wounds can take to heal. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 73761 |  Zorn, Claire Sky so heavy, The | University of Queensland Press | 2013 | 9780702249761 | It's not like any other day because on the other side of the world, nuclear missiles are detonated. When Fin wakes in his home in the Blue Mountains the next morning, it is dark, cold and snowing. There is no internet, no phone, no power and no parents. As the outage continues for days and then weeks, Fin and his brother struggle to survive and grow desperate. Contains mature themes and some language in context. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 and above. |

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| 774351 | ✶ Zorn, Claire When we are invisible | University of Queensland Press | 2021 | 9780702263132 | Lucy, Fin and Max have survived the missile attacks which have devastated Australia and its population, now they are fleeing Sydney on the promise of safety in a compound with people who will shelter and protect them. Not long after their arrival they find their safety may come at a price they are not willing to pay...It soon becomes evident that missiles and starvation aren't the only threats to their survival. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. |
| 77323 | 🕒 Zusak, Markus Book thief, The | Pan MacMillan | 2008 | 9780330423304 | It is 1939 in Nazi Germany. Death has never been busier and will become busier still. Liesel has just buried her brother when she picks up a book, partially hidden in the snow by his graveside. This is her first act of book thievery and the beginning of a love affair with books and words. When Liesel's foster family hides a Jewish man in their basement, Liesel's world is both opened up and closed down. A sombre theme that includes some violence. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |
| 4627 | 🕒 Zusak, Markus Messenger, The | Pan MacMillan | 2002 | 9780330363884 | Ed Kennedy is nineteen. His life is one of peaceful routine and incompetence until he inadvertently stops a bank robbery. When he receives his first playing card with three addresses written on it, Ed becomes the messenger. A cryptic journey with laughter, fists and love. Adult themes and strong language, used in context, may offend some readers. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above. |