

5-6 Booklist by Title - New

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.

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1767	Amazing Spencer Gray, The Fitzpatrick, Deb	Fremantle Press	2013	9781922089328	Spencer Gray is twelve - finally old enough to join Dad in his glider. His mates are going to be so jealous. Going up is awesome, but when disaster strikes, Spencer will need to be nothing short of amazing.
5855	Australians all Wheatley, Nadia & Searle, Ken (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013		Covers the history of our continent from the Ice Age to the Apology, from the arrival of the First Fleet to the Mabo Judgement. Some of the subjects of the eighty mini-biographies of young Australians have become nationally or even internationally famous. Others were legends in their own families and communities.
1785	Bakir and Bi Boyd, Jillian & Mordey, Tori-Jay (ill)	Magabala Books	2013	9781921248863	Bakir and Mar live on a remote island called Egur with their two young children. While fishing, Bakir comes across a very special pelican named Bi. A famine occurs, and life on the island is no longer harmonious. One day Bakir and Bi disappear and Mar and the children are forced to make the journey to another island by canoe and so begins the adventure.
1982	Bloodhound boys, The Cranna, Andrew	Walker Books	2013	9781922179302	The undead world has many dangerous creatures, many of which Rocky the werewolf and Vince the vampire meet in their search to find who has robbed the city's blood bank.
30340	Boy like me, A Hathorn, Libby & Whatley, Bruce	ABC Books	2013	9780733331350	Fragile and sometimes fleeting, peace can be lost and found in all of us, no matter who or where we are.

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53388	Boy who swam with piranhas, The Almond, David & Jeffers, Oliver (ill)	Candlewick Press			As Stan journeys away from the life he's always known, he mingles with a carnival full of eccentric characters and meets the legendary Pancho Pirelli, the man who swims in a tank full of perilous piranhas. Will Stan be bold enough to dive in the churning waters himself and choose his own destiny.
1980	Burning the bails: the story of the ashes Bell, Krista & Walters, Ainsley (ill)	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2013	9780987313980	When Russell witnesses his mother burning wooden bails from a friendly cricket match between Australia and England, little does he know just how important that night becomes in sporting history.
888	Cloud road, The Carmody, Isobelle	Penguin	2013	9780670075188	Adventure and danger follow Bily, Zluty, Redwing and the Monster as they cross a desert and journey through high stony mountains in search of a new home.
25920	Day to remember, A French, Jackie & Wilson, Mark (ill)	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2012	9780732293604	A moving look at the history of Australia's and New Zealand's involvement in warfare through the lens of a single day - Anzac Day - revisited on notable years between 1915 and 2012.
	Eric Vale series - NEW SERIES 2014 Bauer, Michael Gerard & Bauer, Joe (ill)				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.
1136	eSide Alexander, Goldie	Five Senses Publications	2013	9781741307740	Sam and her mother live in the rear of the Conch Cafe, close to Sam's best friend Melody. The building is owned by greedy witch Hecate who will do everything in her power to own the cafe's Good-Luck-Conch. After Hecate steals the shell and the cafe burns down, the girls have a series of adventures in eSide where they must travel through dangerous digital worlds before they can recover their conch.
1247	Evan's Gallipoli Greenwood, Kerry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743311356	Evan is 14 when his father decides they should deliver some comforting goods to the Allied soldiers. They are ill-prepared for the danger, horrors and hardship they will encounter at war.
1470	Extra time Gleitzman, Morris	Puffin Australia	2013	9780143307754	Matt is a talented young soccer player who is selected to travel to England to join the Premier League, with his ten year old sister as his manager.
1063	Finding Serendipity Banks, Angelica	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743310311	In search of Serendipity, Tuesday and her faithful dog Baxterr find themselves on a very dangerous mission. They enter the magical world where stories come from, a mysterious and unpredictable world, full of real danger and heart-stopping adventure. Tuesday will need all her wit, courage, perseverance and imagination in order to get to The End and be reunited with the people she loves.
929	Four seasons of Lucy McKenzie, The Murray, Kirsty	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743317020	The painting of Spring was as bright as a sunny day and the tiny yellow flowers which covered the fields were dancing with the breeze. When Lucy comes closer, she hears a voice calling from the other side and reaches through the painting.

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	Ghost club series - NEW SERIES 2014 Abela, Deborah				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.
52669	Girl from Snowy River, The French, Jackie	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2012	9780732293109	It is 1919 and World War I casts its shadow across Australia, particularly for orphaned sixteen-year-old Flinty McAlpine. The man Flinty loves returned from war so changed and distant. Her brother Andy 'gone with cattle', leaving Flinty in charge of their younger brother and sister and with the threat of eviction from the farm she loves. A brumby muster held under the watchful eye of the legendary Clancy of the Overflow offers hope.
46389	Horse for Angel, A Lean, Sarah & Blythe, Gary (ill)	HarperCollins Australia	2013	9780007455058	Nell is surprised when her mum wants her to stay with her family in the country. While unpacking her bags she is startled by a large wild horse and a mysterious girl, which leads Nell on a mystery and a chance to discover secrets about herself.
35727	How do you burp in space Goodman, Susan & Slack, Michael (ill)	Bloomsbury	2013	9781599900681	Here is a travel planner for all those who dream of taking a holiday in outer space. Includes what to pack, how to get there and home again, what to wear, how to sleep, brush your teeth and even burp in space.
793	Jandamarra Greenwood, Mark & Denton, Terry (ill)	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781742375700	Set in the Kimberley region in north-west Australia, this is the story of a young warrior born to lead. To the settlers, he was an outlaw to be hunted. To the Bunuba, he was a courageous defender of his country. This story of conflict and divided loyalties gives a unique insight into an extraordinary man and a tragic but important part of Australia's history.
1590	Jodie Abdel-Fattah, Randa	Omnibus Books	2013	9781742990101	Best friends Jodie, Rania and Deyana can't believe what they have found in the school library - a mysterious book that writes itself, just for them. Jodie's life is difficult enough - her father is in a new relationship and she's trying to get used to having a stepsister. The advice the book is giving her is so confusing. Who is the ghostly writer and what does she want.
50474	Liar and spy Stead, Rebecca	Text Publishing Co	2012	9780385737432	Georges' having trouble with some boys at school, his dad lost his job and so his mum has started working all the time - and they had to sell their house and move into an apartment. But moving into the apartment block does bring one good thing - Safer, an unusual boy who lives on the top floor. He runs a spy club, and is determined to teach Georges everything he knows.
	Lost world circus series - NEW SERIES 2014 D'Ath, Justin				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.
1094	Made on Earth Korn, Wolfgang	A & C Black	2012	9781408173916	Follow the journey of a red jacket around the world, from being made to going in the rubbish, from the cells of a prison, to a boat floating in the beean, connecting many people.

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855	Mortal combat: time's running out Chatterton, Martin	Random House Australia Pty Ltd	2012	9781742753164	Mort, a mere 10 000 year old boy is on a time-travel adventure and causing chaos as he hurtles through history in his Retro, from World War 2 to the time of dinosaurs, Vikings and Spanish galleons, having ignored the warnings of his cloned friend Oppy about the possibility of causing a catastrophic rift in time.
1836	Mouse bird snake wolf Almond, David & McKean, Dave (ill)	Walker Books	2013	9781406322897	In a safe and calm world, three children conjure, from twigs and leaves and stones, a mousy thing, a chirpy thing, and a twisty legless thing. But as the children's ideas grow bolder, the power of their visions proves greater and more dangerous than they, or the gods, could ever have imagined.
49510	My life as an alphabet Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743310977	Candice's home is a bit hard, with her baby sister no longer with them and her parents both depressed. Her only friend, Douglas Benson from Another Dimension, wants to leave and return to the universe he claims he came from. Her penpal is not returning any of her letters and she just doesn't know what to do about her teacher's lazy eye.
933	Pirate company: on the trail of the golden toucan Cason, Susan	Omnibus Books	2013	9781742990026	When Tom's famous father fails to return home from an expedition, his corrupt step-mother has the explorer declared dead. Eager to be rid of her stepson, she ships him off to his stuffy old aunt in Boston. But his journey takes an unexpected turn. Before long he is working on a pirate ship and making plans to mount an expedition to discover his father's whereabouts.
31244	Promise, The Guille, Derek & Kaff-eine (ill)	One Day Hill Pty Ltd	2012	9780987313966	Australian soldier Nelson Ferguson was wounded in battle by poison gas which damaged his eyes and lungs. These injuries were made worse because Nelson was an artist and a cornet player. After he died many years later, Nelson's grandson wanted to ensure Australians remembered what happened to thousands of young soldiers in World War 1.
46969	Queen and the nobody boy, The Else, Barbara & Broad, Sam (ill)	Gecko Press	2013	9781877579233	Hodie is the odd-job nobody boy at the Grand Palace in the Kingdom of Fontania. Twelve year old Queen Sibilla, worried about her lack of magic powers, decides to join Hodie when he runs away to better himself. An adventure full of friendship, greed and mystery ensues.
	Raven Lucas series - NEW SERIES 2014 Harris, Christine				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.
23697	Red poppy, The Hill, David & Colston, Fifi (ill)	Scholastic New Zealand	2013	9781775430704	Young soldier Jim McLeod waits in the trenches of World War I for the order to attack the enemy. With him are his friends, and Nipper, the messenger dog. When they charge across no-man's land, Jim is shot and finds himself face to face with an enemy soldier.

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1230	Red samurai Hall, Tiffany	HarperCollins Australia	2013	9780732294540	Roxy is the White Warrior. She has a crush she is keeping secret, the school bully to deal with plus there is her older sister. Differences between Roxy and Elecktra are easily seen and sibling rivalry becomes a catalyst for what is to come, affecting the immediate family but also the ninja and samurai community. There is an enemy lurking and it soon becomes clear that the White Warrior is about to meet her match.
777	Romans: gods, emperors and dormice, The Williams, Marcia	Walker Books	2013	9781406339185	Experience life as an ancient Roman through the rise and fall of Rome, through the eyes of a gladiator, dormouse and berry-nibbler.
799	Rooftoppers Rundell, Katherine	Faber & Faber	2013	9780571280599	Sophie, on a search for her mother, believed to be dead, travels to Paris and discovers a secret world.
1883	Rules of summer Tan, Shaun	Hachette Children's Books	2013	9781444908893	A summer in the lives of two boys. Each spread tells of an event and the lesson learned. By turns, these events become darker and more sinister as the boys push their games further and further.
	School magazine - Orbit and Touchdown - NEW SERIES 2014 School magazine team				Any two Orbit or Touchdown magazines can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more 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.
1231	Shahana: through my eyes Hawke, Rosanne	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd			Shahana is almost 14 and has not known a life of peace. Her parents and older brother are dead and she must leave her beloved school to look after her younger brother and ailing grandfather. When grandfather dies life becomes that much more difficult. Living close to the border means 'freedom fighters' from both sides roam, looking for food, children to recruit and worse. Other dangers await her from within her own community.
1670	Smooch and Rose Wheeler, Samantha	University of Queensland Press	2013	9780702249860	When Rose and Gran save a baby koala from a pack of blood-hungry dogs, Rose is so happy - caring for bush babies is her dream. But things change for the worse when Gran gets a letter from the bank. Then Uncle Malcolm mentions bulldozers and Rose realises it's not just her that's at stake.
1249	Song for a scarlet runner Hunt, Julie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2013	9781743313589	When young Peat is blamed for bringing misfortune to the local settlement, she flees to the marshes. There she is caught by a marsh auntie whose trade is stories that act as gateways, and Peat finds herself trapped in somebody else's life-and-death bargain.

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997	3 /	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781922179005	Jack and Gilbert made a pact when they were younger - to work together in the mines, just like their fathers and other immigrants. Jack is turning twelve, and the thought of working underground fills him with panic. When Gilbert leaves school to earn a wage, Jack wants to keep his word - but that means facing his fear. All the while his heart is telling him to follow another path. That boy, Jack must find the courage to choose.
	The treehouse series - NEW SERIES 2014 Griffiths, Andy & Denton, Terry (ill)				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.
61947	Topsy-turvy world Murray, Kirsty	National Library of Australia	2013	9780642277497	To the first Europeans who came to Australia, everything seemed topsy turvy. Christmas was in the summer and trees shed their bark but not their leaves. And the animals were bizarre. There was a bird that laughed like a donkey and a type of greyhound that bound along on its hind legs like a hare.
1290	Treasure box, The Wild, Margaret & Blackwood, Freya (ill)	Penguin Books Australia	2013	9780670073658	Peter, a young boy, and his father must flee their town when the enemy orders 'everyone out of their houses'. They take with them a treasure box which contains, 'no rubies, no silver, no gold' but instead holds a book 'about our people, about us'.
	Trouble twisters series - NEW SERIES 2014 Nix, Garth & Williams, Sean				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.
	Truly Tan series - NEW SERIES Storer, Jen & Robertson, Claire (ill)				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.
1166	Verity Sparks, lost and found Green, Susan	Walker Books	2013	9781921977886	Melbourne in 1879 and Verity Sparks has found her father. But she has lost her gift - the ability to find lost things. Papa Savinov, eager for Verity to become a proper lady, sends her to the exclusive boarding school Hilltop House. But Verity is more interested in solving the case of the missing Ecclethorpe heiress. As the investigation deepens, danger and intrigue grow closer.
49319	Vietnam diary Wilson, Mark	Hachette Children's Books			Jason's grandfather fought on the Western Front, his father fought at Kokoda and now Jason has received his conscription letter, called up to Vietnam. His training and war experience in Vietnam are explored through pictures and letters.
977	View from the 32nd floor Cameron, Emma	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2013	9781922077295	William lives on the thirty second floor of an apartment block with a clear view of the building opposite. He sees his neighbours' daily lives and worries about the loneliness of some of them. With his new friend, cakes and a dictionary of names, Williams plans to tempt his neighbours back into the world.

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1776	Wishbird, The Wang, Gabrielle	Penguin	2013		Oriole's beloved Wishbird is dying and she must leave the forest to save him. But in the City of Soulless there is danger everywhere. Can Oriole and Boy save Soulless and the Wishbird, or will the city's darkness prove too great even for magic.
	World War I tales series - NEW SERIES 2014 Deary, Terry				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.