NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2014

# K-9 Booklist - 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.

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

| PRC | Title/Author | Publisher | Year | ISBN | Level | Annotations |
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| 71921 | Alfie's search for destiny<br>Hardy, David | Magabala Books | 2013 | 9781922142115 | 3-4 | Confused about his destiny, Alfie sets off across the country to ask the animals for their advice, before returning home to discover the answer. |
| 1767 | Amazing Spencer Gray, The<br>Fitzpatrick, Deb | Fremantle Press | 2013 | 9781922089328 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 59878 | Anzac biscuits<br>Cummings, Phil & Swan, Owen (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742833460 | K-2 | A young father is away at war, his wife and daughter waiting at home, sometimes making Anzac biscuits. Life at war is grey and cold, but opening the tin of biscuits from home brings comfort. |
| 778 | Arthur's dream boat<br>Dunbar, Polly | Walker Books | 2012 | 9781406344622 | 3-4 | Arthur has an amazing dream about a pink and green boat with a striped mast. He can't wait to tell his family about it. But when he tries, no one (not even the dog) is interested in listening. In fact, they don't even notice when the very same boat gradually appears on his head, growing larger and larger by the minute. |
| 5855 | Australians all<br>Wheatley, Nadia & Searle, Ken (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781741146370 | 5-6 | 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. |

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| | Ava adds series - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Dubosarsky, Ursula & White, Annie (ill) | | | | 3-4 | 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. |
| 73222 | Ava Anne Appleton: accidental adventurer<br>Harmer, Wendy | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742838755 | 3-4 | Ava has an orderly life, which is just how she likes it. Then her parents decide it is time to travel Australia for one year, but it sounds like a terrible adventure to Ava. |
| 1785 | Bakir and Bi<br>Boyd, Jillian & Mordey, Tori-Jay (ill) | Magabala Books | 2013 | 9781921248863 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1888 | Bang<br>Timmers, Leo | Gecko Press | 2013 | 9781877579172 | K-2 | Crocodiles and giraffes, driving lots of cars, go bang. |
| 1184 | Banjo and Ruby Red<br>Gleeson, Libby & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2013 | 9781921541087 | K-2 | Banjo is a hard-working farm dog and Ruby Red is a haughty chicken, and they never see eye to eye. Can they ever be friends. |
| 6155 | Bea<br>Sharp, Christine | University of Queensland Press | 2013 | 9780702249617 | K-2 | Bea is a bird of unusual tastes as she likes to bake buns and dance to a disco beat while other birds are content to watch worms wriggle. |
| 1071 | Between the pages<br>van Loon, Joan & Stewart, Chantal (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2013 | 9781921928444 | K-2 | Two boys become so engrossed in the animal book they are reading that they become part of the story, encountering adventures and challenges which can only be escaped by the turning the page. Escaping from a python's nest only to meet even more fearsome crocodiles, angry emus and hordes of redback spiders. |
| 1158 | Big dry, The<br>Davis, Tony | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2013 | 9780732297633 | 7-9 | 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. Will they have the strength to cope in such hot and brutal conditions. |
| 1921 | Big red kangaroo<br>Saxby, Claire & Byrne, Graham (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781921720420 | 3-4 | Far inland, where ocean is a dim memory, the sun floats on the waves of another bake-earth day. In the long shadows, a big red kangaroo licks his forearms and lets the early evening breeze wash over him. |
| 1982 | Bloodhound boys, The<br>Cranna, Andrew | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781922179302 | 5-6 | 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. |

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| 30340 | Boy like me, A<br>Hathorn, Libby & Whatley, Bruce | ABC Books | 2013 | 9780733331350 | 5-6 | Fragile and sometimes fleeting, peace can be lost and found in all of us, no matter who or where we are. |
| 1941 | Boy on the page, The<br>Carnavas, Peter | New Frontier Publishing | 2013 | 9781921928468 | K-2 | A small boy lands on the page and, quite by accident, discovers the joy and wonder of life. |
| 53388 | Boy who swam with piranhas, The<br>Almond, David & Jeffers, Oliver (ill) | Candlewick Press | 2013 | 9780763661694 | 5-6 | 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<br>Bell, Krista & Walters, Ainsley (ill) | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9780987313980 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 46416 | Cat tale<br>Hall, Michael | Greenwillow | 2012 | 9780061915161 | K-2 | Follow the adventures of three cats as they rumble and tumble in a confusing journey of words. |
| 39360 | Cheese belongs to you<br>Deacon, Alexis & Schwarz, Viviane (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781406339666 | K-2 | A small white rat  learns about 'rat law' as bigger, quicker and stronger rats lay claim to a wonderful piece of cheese. |
| 937 | Cheetah can't lose<br>Shea, Bob | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780061730832 | K-2 | Cheetah doesn't realise how skillful his little friends are when they set him up to lose the big race. |
| | City of orphans trilogy - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Jinks, Catherine | | | | 7-9 | 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. |
| 1890 | Clementine's walk<br>White, Annie | New Frontier Publishing | 2013 | 9781921928475 | K-2 | Everyone is too busy to take Clementine for a walk. When they finally find the time, Clementine is nowhere to be found. |
| 888 | Cloud road, The<br>Carmody, Isobelle | Penguin | 2013 | 9780670075188 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1154 | Cockadoodle-doo Mr Sultana<br>Morpurgo, Michael & Rayner, Shoo (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2012 | 9780007489985 | 3-4 | The Sultan is greedy and lazy and has no feelings for his subjects. Out hunting one day, one of his diamond buttons falls off his shirt and a poor woman's rooster finds it and wants to give it to the woman. However, the sultan's servants see and chase him, retrieving the diamond. The rooster embarks on a mission to get the diamond back for the poor woman. |
| | Conspiracy 365<br>Lord, Gabrielle | | | | 7-9 | An adventure series featuring Cal Ormond. 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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| 27687 | Cry blue murder<br>Kane, Kim & Roberts, Marion | University of Queensland Press | 2013 | 9780702239267 | 7-9 | 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. |
| | Cryptic casebook of Coco Carlomagno series - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Dubosarsky, Ursula & Denton, Terry (ill) | | | | 3-4 | 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. |
| 1143 | Curse of kings<br>Barclay, Alex | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007335770 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 54467 | Daisy and the puppy<br>Shanahan, Lisa & Acton, Sara (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742830513 | K-2 | Daisy wants a puppy so much. She knows all of the dogs in her neighbourhood and bathes them for free every Saturday. Daisy thinks she will never get a dog of her own, until she and her mum spot Ollie. |
| 1795 | Dance teacher, The<br>Milne, Simon & Stewart, Chantal (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743313312 | 3-4 | When Isabelle arrives at Miss Sylvie's dance studio to become a ballerina, she is told to be prepared to work hard. As the other young dancers switch to hip hop or drop out, Isabelle continues to practice, aiming to become a prima ballerina. |
| 1394 | Dark, The<br>Snicket, Lemony & Klassen, Jon (ill) | Orchard Books | 2013 | 9781408330029 | 3-4 | Lazlo was afraid of the dark, when tucked up in their bedroom at night. But what is this thing called 'the dark'. |
| 25920 | Day to remember, A<br>French, Jackie & Wilson, Mark (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2012 | 9780732293604 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 50221 | Definitely no ducks<br>McKinlay, Meg & Rudge, Leila (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781921977855 | 3-4 | Max, the class duck, is in trouble. The Antarctica display has been totally destroyed. Ripped. Torn. Chewed. And everyone knows Max is to blame. Or is he. Abby and Noah are determined to uncover the truth. If they can't, they will have to say goodbye to Max forever. |
| | Deucalion trilogy - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Caswell, Brian | | | | 7-9 | 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. |
| 1097 | Diary of a fly<br>Cronin, Doreen & Bliss, Harry (ill) | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2012 | 9780007455911 | K-2 | Fly's first day at school marks the beginning of his diary in which he charts his adventures such as learning how to fly, eating regurgitated food and his part in the food chain. When Fly adds up all his special attributes, he aspires to be a superhero who can walk on walls and see in all directions at once. |

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| 46350 | Dinosaurs love cheese<br>French, Jackie & Rycroft, Nina (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2013 | 9780732292645 | K-2 | A few small toy animals can transform any situation into an imaginative larger-than-life world. So it is with this young child when a simple trip to the supermarket involves giraffes, zebras, lions and even a dinosaur. |
| 9690 | Doctor Frankenstein's other monster<br>Gray, Nigel & Smith, Craig (ill) | CSI-Books | 2012 | 9780987366801 | 3-4 | Doctor Frankenstein has created a new monster but unfortunately he has little control over him when Frank Junior decides to explore his new world. As he searches for a playmate, Frank Junior is totally unaware of the havoc he is creating as he outwits the police and army. Finally he meets someone who looks past his appearance and is happy to play. |
| 1189 | Don't let a spoonbill in the kitchen<br>Oliver, Narelle | Omnibus Books | 2013 | 9781862919310 | K-2 | With their spoon-shaped bills, it would make sense that a Spoonbill bird would be right at home in the kitchen, or would it. |
| 60125 | Elite, The<br>Cass, Kiera | HarperCollins US | 2013 | 9780007466702 | 7-9 | 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. |
| | Eric Vale series - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Bauer, Michael Gerard & Bauer, Joe (ill) | | | | 5-6 | 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<br>Alexander, Goldie | Five Senses Publications | 2013 | 9781741307740 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1754 | Esther's rainbow<br>Kane, Kim & Acton, Sara (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743313701 | K-2 | Esther spies a rainbow under her chair and then it disappears. Where will she find her rainbow next. |
| 1247 | Evan's Gallipoli<br>Greenwood, Kerry | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743311356 | 5-6 | 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<br>Gleitzman, Morris | Puffin Australia | 2013 | 9780143307754 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 38818 | Extra yarn<br>Barnett, Mac & Klassen, Jon (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781406342314 | K-2 | A little girl who cocoons her cold, grey town in joy and warmth with brightly coloured yarn, until a wicked, selfish man arrives to take to yarn for himself. |
| 993 | Fabulous fishes<br>Stockdale, Susan | Working Title Press | 2013 | 9781921504556 | K-2 | Vibrantly coloured fish burst from some pages, while others dare you to see past their camouflage. |

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| 49269 | Fair dinkum war, The<br>Cox, David | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743310625 | 3-4 | A look at life in Australia through the eyes of a primary school boy during World War II. The excitement of seeing the American soldiers and tanks, the concept of black-outs, bomb shelters and ration coupons are explained. |
| 988 | Fat Ferdie<br>Allen, Pamela | Penguin | 2013 | 9780670077168 | K-2 | Fat Ferdie is a scary beast because of what he likes to eat. |
| 881 | Fearless<br>Funke, Cornelia | The Five Mile Press Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781906427269 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 46564 | Fearsome, frightening, ferocious box, The<br>Watts, Frances & Legge, David (ill) | ABC Books | 2013 | 9780733328916 | K-2 | Open the box if you dare, but danger lies within, beware. |
| 1063 | Finding Serendipity<br>Banks, Angelica | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743310311 | 5-6 | 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<br>Murray, Kirsty | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743317020 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1958 | Frog who lost his underpants, The<br>MacIver, Juliette & Chapman, Cat (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781921977893 | K-2 | Hopping through the jungle, this way, that way, Frog is in a frenzy, scattering the ants. Teddy's looking too now, this place, that place, will they ever find those jolly underpants. |
| 8046 | Funky chicken: a bushy tale of crocs and chooks<br>Collin, Chris & Kitchin, Megan (ill) | Funkybooks | 2013 | 9780987450708 | K-2 | Funky chicken is deemed the most unique of all animals, but croc takes a liking to him for all the wrong reasons. |
| | Ghost club series - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Abela, Deborah | | | | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1187 | Gift, The<br>Gilmartin, Deb | Windy Hollow Books | 2012 | 9781922081070 | K-2 | A textless picture book which allows the reader to discover the story. Orange cat has a comfortable life and shares his dinner with a black and white cat down the road. When attempts to do the same the next day she can no longer be found, having been dumped with her three kittens as her owner leaves town. Despite meeting danger as he tries to find her, he perseveres with ultimate success. |

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| 52669 | Girl from Snowy River, The<br>French, Jackie | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2012 | 9780732293109 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 3917 | Gracie and Josh<br>Gervay, Susanne & Geddes, Serena (ill) | Ford Street Publishing | 2013 | 9781921665851 | 3-4 | Gracie and Josh are brother and sister who laugh, play and fight, but they also face a sad world where someone is sick and there are good days and bad days in their family. |
| 953 | Great granny gang, The<br>Kerr, Judith | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2012 | 9780007467914 | K-2 | Grannies have a reputation for being mild, sedate and stay at home knitters. In fact grannies are capable of fixing most problems and so it is with the Great Granny gang whose members foil a burglary. Told in flowing rhyme for reading aloud. |
| 21612 | Grumpy Grandpa<br>Forsyth, Kate & White, Annie (ill.) | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742831756 | K-2 | A little girl is nervous about visiting her Grandpa who looks grumpy and scary, but she soon discovers that people, and grandpas, are never quite like they seem. |
| 44140 | Heather fell in the water<br>MacLeod, Doug & Smith, Craig (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742376486 | K-2 | Heather was a little girl who always fell in the water. She didn't mean to. She didn't enjoy it. But she fell in nearly every day, so her parents made her wear water wings all the time. |
| 1979 | Helping little star<br>Morgan, Sally & Kwaymullina, Blaze (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781921977770 | K-2 | Little Star has fallen off the edge of the night sky. He wants to return home to the Moon and hopes that Python, Dingo or Kangaroo can help him. |
| 1084 | Hold on tight<br>Acton, Sara | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742833491 | K-2 | A little girl explores the possibilities of being blown away, riding the leaves, chasing fairies, bouncing on clouds, being caught in raindrops. |
| 1177 | Hooray for bread<br>Ahlberg, Allan & Ingram, Bruce (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781406337990 | K-2 | This tasty tale shares the joy a loaf of bread brings a baker, his family, a back-yard of dogs, a pond-full of ducks, a flock of birds and a teeny mouse. |
| 46389 | Horse for Angel, A<br>Lean, Sarah & Blythe, Gary (ill) | HarperCollins Australia | 2013 | 9780007455058 | 5-6 | 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<br>Goodman, Susan & Slack, Michael (ill) | Bloomsbury | 2013 | 9781599900681 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 15930 | How to catch a monster<br>Bollenbach, Christina | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742832791 | K-2 | Lukas sits on the edge of his bed every night waiting for his scary monster, until he hatches a plan to catch it once and for all. |

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| 1163 | I got this hat<br>Temple, Jol and Kate & Foye, Jon (ill) | ABC Books | 2013 | 9780733332067 | K-2 | If you enjoy wearing hats, you'll enjoy this book. But don't wear it as a hat, as it will fall off. |
| 1766 | Ice, wind, rock<br>Gouldthorpe, Peter | Lothian Books | 2013 | 9780734411556 | 3-4 | Douglas Mawson is a true Australian hero, and one of the great Antarctic explorers. He was the first man to reach the South Magnetic Pole, and led Australia's first Antarctic expedition. This is a story of adventure and survival, as Mawson faces enormous challenges and triumphs. |
| 973 | In the wings<br>Edgar, Elsbeth | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781922077325 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 1170 | Isla Lu, where are you<br>Hoy, Catriona & White, Annie (ill) | Windy Hollow Books | 2013 | 9781922081063 | K-2 | Mum is looking for Isla Lu. She isn't upstairs, she isn't downstairs, she isn't in the smelly bin. Mum is looking all over the house for Isla Lu, coming across all the family members as she goes, and they all join in the fun, but they know that Isla Lu is closer than Mum thinks. |
| 35758 | It wasn't me: the Hueys<br>Jeffers, Oliver | HarperCollins Publishers Ltd, UK | 2013 | 9780007420674 | K-2 | Why are the Hueys fighting, when most of the time they get along. |
| 793 | Jandamarra<br>Greenwood, Mark & Denton, Terry (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781742375700 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 818 | Jeremy<br>Faille, Chris & Snell, Danny (ill) | Working Title Press | 2013 | 9781921504402 | K-2 | Jeremy is a baby kookaburra which has fallen from its nest into a backyard. He is taken into a home and watches the fishtank, perches on a lounge, waiting for his feathers to grow. |
| 1590 | Jodie<br>Abdel-Fattah, Randa | Omnibus Books | 2013 | 9781742990101 | 5-6 | 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. |
| | Joel Billings series - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Hawke, Rosanne | | | | 7-9 | 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. |
| 1183 | Joyous and Moonbeam<br>Yaxley, Richard | Omnibus Books | 2013 | 9781862919877 | 7-9 | 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'. |

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| 1085 | King pig<br>Bland, Nick | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742834955 | K-2 | King Pig had everything he could wish for except for one thing - being liked by his subjects and he just couldn't understand why not, no matter how hard he tried. The facial expressions and extra detail in the illustrations all provide added meaning. |
| 46414 | Let's go to sleep<br>Wild, Margaret & Dawson, Michelle (ill) | Working Title Press | 2013 | 9781921504440 | K-2 | Go on a journey around the world to visit baby animals as it is time to go to bed. |
| 50474 | Liar and spy<br>Stead, Rebecca | Text Publishing Co | 2012 | 9780385737432 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 958 | Light, The<br>Oliver, Jo | New Frontier Publishing | 2013 | 9781921928413 | K-2 | The darkness and howling of the wind as a storm develops, the lighthouse and the cottage warm and safe, lighting up the darkness. Then a knock at the cottage door. |
| 46933 | Little dolphin<br>Wilson, Mark | Windy Hollow Books | 2013 | 9781922081131 | 3-4 | When Little Dolphin is orphaned soon after birth, she is raised by other dolphins in the pod. As she grows she is taught to use the language of clicks and whistles that all dolphins use. When Little Dolphin learns that another dolphin is in danger, she has to use all her skills to try to save it. |
| 1251 | Little eskimo, The<br>Cali, Davide & Quarello, Maurizio A.C (ill) | Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9780987109958 | 3-4 | A young eskimo boy is asking the animals of the north about his future, will he become a great hunter. He asks the hare with big ears, the owl who can see from up high, and finishes with a great white moose in the middle of the great ice lake. |
| | Lost world circus series - NEW SERIES 2014<br>D'Ath, Justin | | | | 5-6 | 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. |
| 58758 | Lyrebird<br>Kerin, Jackie & Gouldthorpe, Peter (ill) | Museum Victoria | 2012 | 9781921833045 | 3-4 | When Edith met a cheeky young lyrebird on her garden path, she could not guess that he would one day be known as 'A Miracle of the Dandenongs'. Soon, James the lyrebird was singing and dancing for Edith, mimicking the birdsongs and other sounds that echoed through the bush. Word of their friendship spread and people travelled from near and far to film and record James. But with people came change. |
| 1188 | Mabel and me<br>Sperring, Mark & Warburton, Sarah (ill) | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007468362 | 3-4 | Mabel and Me discover what makes them the best of friends after a walk together and encounters with a ballerina and a French photographer. |

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| 1094 | Made on Earth<br>Korn, Wolfgang | A & C Black | 2012 | 9781408173916 | 5-6 | 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 ocean, connecting many people. |
| 957 | Mister Whistler<br>Mahy, Margaret & Bishop, Gavin (ill) | Gecko Press | 2012 | 9781877467912 | 3-4 | Mr Whistler is a joyful man, always very finely dressed, and who is forever challenged by an urge to sing and dance. When he arrives at the train station he cannot help but dance along to the music in his head to the delight of his fellow commuters. But as the train approaches, just where did he put that train ticket. |
| 897 | Monsters love colors<br>Austin, Mike | Harper | 2013 | 9780062125941 | K-2 | Explosions of colour erupt from every page where the monsters demonstrate the mixing of colour to create new ones. The primary colours are also described with rhyming sounds which creates much fun. |
| 7163 | Moose is loose, The<br>Carthew, Mark & Stanton, Matt (ill) | ABC Books | 2013 | 9780733331015 | K-2 | When the sneaky, slippery and sly animals on the train escape, it's up to Mac and Bruce to get them back onboard. |
| 855 | Mortal combat: time's running out<br>Chatterton, Martin | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781742753164 | 5-6 | 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<br>Almond, David & McKean, Dave (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781406322897 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1099 | Mr Birdsnest and the house next door<br>Donaldson, Julia & Shaw, Hannah (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742837109 | 3-4 | Elmo and his sister love to play in the jungle house next door until mean Mr Birdsnest moves in and the garden is out of bounds. But when Granny goes missing, the children decide to go to the rescue even if it means going into Mr Birdsnest's house. |
| 10008 | Mr Darcy<br>Field, Alex & Carnavas, Peter (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2013 | 9781921928406 | K-2 | Mr Darcy is a rather reserved and gentle duck who lives in the best park. He feels very important and he likes to tip his very tall hat. Mr Darcy's life is a little lonely until he discovers that it's alright to let friends into his life. |
| 1160 | Mr Darcy the dancing duck<br>Field, Alex & Carnavas, Peter (ill) | New Frontier Publishing | 2013 | 9781921928178 | K-2 | Mr Darcy is a very popular duck with many friends to greet as he takes his morning walk. By the end of his walk he is very unhappy because everyone is dancing in joy because it is spring and Mr Darcy can't dance. With his friends' help he gains his confidence to join in the spring dances. |

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| 52241 | My Australian story: Gallipoli<br>Tucker, Alan | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742836935 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 820 | My happy life<br>Lagercrantz, Rose & Eriksson, Eva (ill) | Gecko Press | 2012 | 9781877467806 | 3-4 | Dani is the happiest person she knows, especially when she makes a best friend when she starts school. They share friendship bracelets, sit together in class and have sleepovers. But how will Dani return to her happiness when Ella moves away. |
| 49510 | My life as an alphabet<br>Jonsberg, Barry | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743310977 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1208 | My super hero<br>Owen, Chris & Court, Moira (ill) | Fremantle Press | 2013 | 9781921888977 | K-2 | Kaboom, kapow, kabam, kasplat, my superhero's not like that. Which animal is the real superhero. |
| 1195 | Mysterious traveller<br>Peet, Mal & Graham, Elspeth & Lynch P.J. (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781406337075 | 3-4 | Although now aging, Issa, is the best African desert guide in the region. During a journey he discovers a camel protecting a baby girl during a sandstorm. Issa raises the child, sharing his love and understanding of the desert and together they continue to guide travellers, even as Issa goes blind. When they save a group of travellers during a sandstorm, the truth of her past is revealed. |
| 1545 | Naughtiest reindeer, The<br>Greenberg, Nicki | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743313046 | 3-4 | Ruby is Rudolph's naughty sister and the other reindeer know that she is going to bring a whole sack of mayhem to Christmas. |
| 1799 | Nelly gang, The<br>Axelsen, Stephen | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781921977916 | 3-4 | Fun, dastardly plans, at least one villain and a pet goat entertain amid the danger. Can Nelly rescue her father from the clutches of Captain Sunbeam. Will the children escape each of several close shaves with their lives. And who will get the gold. |
| 654 | New Guinea moon<br>Constable, Kate | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743315033 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 948 | Night watch<br>Cummings, Phil & Dawson, Janine (ill) | Working Title Press | 2013 | 9781921504365 | K-2 | Giraffe, Elephant, Hippo and Baboon all live happily by the lake, minding their own business, until Lion is spied stalking in the shadows. |

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| 73251 | Noah Dreary<br>Blabey, Aaron | Penguin | 2013 | 9780670077182 | 3-4 | Noah complains and had been on a particular roll that day, complaining about this, about that, about this, that, this, that, that, this and the other (much of which involved his baby sister). So, off popped his head. |
| 1269 | Omar the strongman<br>Rogers, Gregory | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742834368 | K-2 | Omar is very busy with his new job at the zoo. He makes friends with Mavis the elephant, who helps him unveil an act of his own. |
| 1232 | On the day you were born<br>Wild, Margaret & Brooks, Ron (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781741147544 | K-2 | A proud father shows his new baby the wonderful new world to which it now belongs - the smells, the sounds, the colours and the inhabitants are all introduced to the new child. The illustrations reinforce the atmosphere of love, pride and home. |
| 7112 | Once Tashi met a dragon<br>Fienberg, Anna and Barbara & Gamble, Kim (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781741758870 | 3-4 | For a long as Tashi could remember, he had been told stories about the dragon who sent the rains each year, until now. The creeks are drying up and the mountains are going up in flames. Someone in the village needs to visit the dragon and only Tashi would dare. |
| 2521 | Outpost<br>Baillie, Alan | Puffin Australia | 2012 | 9780143305927 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 1172 | Owl<br>Pignataro, Anna | Windy Hollow Books | 2013 | 9781922081162 | 3-4 | Deep in a snowy forest Owl and Frida live happily together, looking out the window at the moon. Owl starts to wonder what lies beyond their forest, beyond the snow. |
| 1263 | Parachute<br>Parker, Danny & Ottley, Matt (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2013 | 9781921894206 | K-2 | The parachute is the first thing Toby puts on each morning. It gives him the courage to deal with all kinds of tricky situations, such as getting out of bed and riding his bike. But sometimes someone else's trouble can be greater than your own and they need his parachute more than he does. |
| 892 | Permaculture gardens<br>Bollard, Kellie | National Library of Australia | 2013 | 9780987407702 | 3-4 | Discover how nature works in your backyard. Compost and some vegie seeds, a shovel, hat and gloves. |
| 1144 | Phantom of Terawhiti<br>Hunt, Des | HarperCollins NZ | 2013 | 9781869509545 | 7-9 | 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. |

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| 933 | Pirate company: on the trail of the golden toucan<br>Cason, Susan | Omnibus Books | 2013 | 9781742990026 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1196 | Portraits of Celina<br>Whiting, Sue | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781922077479 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 15391 | Private Peaceful<br>Morpurgo, Michael | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2012 | 9780007486441 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 31244 | Promise, The<br>Guille, Derek & Kaff-eine (ill) | One Day Hill Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9780987313966 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 67463 | Python<br>Cheng, Christopher & Jackson, Mark (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2012 | 9781921529603 | K-2 | This book is a 'slice of life' following a python living in an Australian forest. Be with her as she wakes up at first light, hunts for birds and rodents, sheds her skin and guards over her first clutch of eggs until they hatch. |
| 62322 | Queen Alice's palaces<br>MacIver, Juliette & Masciullo, Lucia (ill) | ABC Books | 2013 | 9780733331022 | 3-4 | Queen Alice has the finest palace, so good that Sir Hugh tries to trick her into creating a masterpiece just for him. |
| 46969 | Queen and the nobody boy, The<br>Else, Barbara & Broad, Sam (ill) | Gecko Press | 2013 | 9781877579233 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 30997 | Rabbityness<br>Empson, Jo | Child's Play International Ltd | 2012 | 9781846434822 | K-2 | This is the story of a very special rabbit. He enjoys doing rabbity things but he also loves un-rabbity things. When Rabbit suddenly disappears, no one knows where he has gone. But as it turns out, Rabbit has left behind some very special gifts for them, to help them discover their own unrabbity talents. |

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| | Raven Lucas series - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Harris, Christine | | | | 5-6 | 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<br>Hill, David & Colston, Fifi (ill) | Scholastic New Zealand | 2013 | 9781775430704 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1230 | Red samurai<br>Hall, Tiffany | HarperCollins Australia | 2013 | 9780732294540 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1671 | Refuge<br>French, Jackie | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2013 | 9780732296179 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 1250 | Remembering Lionsville<br>Bancroft, Bronwyn | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781742373201 | 3-4 | We are taken back to the family home built by the author's grandfather generations ago and still lived in now by the family. The growing and preserving of food, communications with others, the way of life all beautifully and simply described with magnificent illustrations combining Aboriginal and western techniques. |
| 51083 | Ring through time, A<br>Pulman, Felicity | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2013 | 9780732294885 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 1940 | River charm, The<br>Murrell, Belinda | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781742757124 | 7-9 | 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. |

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| 777 | Romans: gods, emperors and dormice, The<br>Williams, Marcia | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781406339185 | 5-6 | 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<br>Rundell, Katherine | Faber & Faber | 2013 | 9780571280599 | 5-6 | Sophie, on a search for her mother, believed to be dead, travels to Paris and discovers a secret world. |
| 46393 | Ruby red shoes<br>Knapp, Kate | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2013 | 9780732293628 | 3-4 | Ruby lives in a colourful caravan with her grandmother. She is gentle and caring and spends her days looking after plants, animals and people, as well as playing with mulberries, to make hands a pretty colour. |
| 1883 | Rules of summer<br>Tan, Shaun | Hachette Children's Books | 2013 | 9781444908893 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 8790 | Runaway princess, The<br>Dickins, Rosie (retold) & Coudray, E (ill) | Usborne Publishing Ltd | 2013 | 9781409535928 | 3-4 | Princess Anna doesn't want to get married, so she runs away, with her beautiful dresses and disguised under a donkeyskin cloak to find her own happy ending. |
| | School magazine - Countdown and Blast Off - NEW SERIES 2014<br>School magazine team | | | | 3-4 | Any two Countdown or Blast Off 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. |
| | School magazine - Orbit and Touchdown - NEW SERIES 2014<br>School magazine team | | | | 5-6 | 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. |
| 25425 | Seadog<br>Saxby, Claire & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Random House Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781742756509 | K-2 | Seadog is not a working dog, he doesn't fetch, is not a performer of tricks and is not clean, shiny or fluffy, but he is full of energy and is lots of fun. |
| 1231 | Shahana: through my eyes<br>Hawke, Rosanne | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743312469 | 5-6 | 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. |

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| 50775 | Shiverton Hall<br>Fennell, Emerald | Bloomsbury | 2013 | 9781408827789 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 2813 | Silver buttons<br>Graham, Bob | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781406342246 | K-2 | At 9.59 on Thursday morning, Jodie draws a duck. Just as she is about to add one final silver button to the duck's boots, her little brother takes his first step. At this exact same moment, a man buys bread, a soldier leaves home, a baby is being born. |
| | Silvermay trilogy - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Moloney, James | | | | 7-9 | 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. |
| 1670 | Smooch and Rose<br>Wheeler, Samantha | University of Queensland Press | 2013 | 9780702249860 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1103 | Snake who came to stay, The<br>Donaldson, Julia & Shaw, Hannah (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742837093 | 3-4 | Mum has no peace when Holly opens her holiday home for pets. Guinea pigs, birds and Doris the snake take over the house. Then Doris goes missing. |
| 52181 | Somebody's house<br>Germein, Katrina & Stead, Anthea (ill) | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781921720338 | K-2 | Follow a little girl as she walks along a street, looking at different houses and wondering who lives there. The little girl passes each, until she gets to the last house at the end of the street. |
| 1265 | Somewhere in Australia<br>Pennacchio, Marcello & Snell, Danny (ill) | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781741695229 | K-2 | Australian animals and landscapes feature in this rhyming text. We are taken to the hot and dry centre where death adders live, to the rainforest floor of the Tassie devils and right around the different Australian habits. |
| 1249 | Song for a scarlet runner<br>Hunt, Julie | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743313589 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1969 | Standing in for Lincoln Green<br>Mackintosh, David | HarperCollins Children's Books | 2013 | 9780007463022 | 3-4 | Lincoln has a double, someone who looks just like him. While Lincoln does the more important things, like building the biggest tower, his trusty stand-in does the tidying, putting away and sorting out. |

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| 804 | Starring Jules<br>Ain, Beth & Higgins Keenan, Anne (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743314548 | 3-4 | Jules is seven and has a problem. She needs a new best friend to replace Charlotte. Just as things look exciting, Jules is asked to film a mouth wash add, but it is for a flavour that makes her vomit. Will she be able to stomach the mouth wash and will she be able to fix her friendship with Charlotte or make a new best friend. |
| 936 | Starting school<br>Godwin, Jane & Walker, Anna (ill) | Penguin | 2013 | 9780670076765 | K-2 | Five children are off to school for the first time. There are new friends to make, fun ways to learn and lots of different things to discover. |
| 1200 | Stick man<br>Donaldson, Julia & Scheffler, Axel (ill) | Scholastic UK | 2012 | 9781407132327 | K-2 | Stick Man lives in the family tree with his Stick Lady Love and their stick children three. But it's dangerous being a Stick Man. A dog wants to play with him, a swan builds her nest with him. He even ends up on a fire. How will he get back home. |
| 1728 | Sultan's eyes, The<br>Gardiner, Kelly | HarperCollins Australia | 2013 | 9780732294809 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 6867 | Swim in the sea, A<br>Whiting, Sue & Thomas, Meredith (ill) | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781921150494 | K-2 | Bruno has never been to the beach before. And he can't wait. He is going for a swim in the big blue sea. |
| 56645 | Sylvester and Arnold<br>Bedford, David & Jellett, Tom (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2013 | 9781921714542 | K-2 | Two tough crocs, look tough, dress tough and act tough. They are about to get a shoc from a much nastier, bigger croc, called Big Betty. |
| 997 | That boy, Jack<br>Brian, Janeen | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781922179005 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 46399 | That's mine<br>Van Zeveren, Michel | Gecko Press | 2013 | 9781877579288 | K-2 | Deep in the jungle, a little frog finds an egg and declares 'That's mine'. However, there are those within the jungle who would dispute his claim, and each one seems bigger, stronger and more of a bully than the last. |
| | The debt series - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Gwynne, Phillip | | | | 7-9 | 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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| | The treehouse series - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Griffiths, Andy & Denton, Terry (ill) | | | | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1968 | This little piggy went dancing<br>Wild, Margaret & Niland, Deborah (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743315118 | K-2 | Five little piggies explore the world. They splash and swim, ride and slide, then hop, skip, hula and go wee wee wee all the way home. |
| 8701 | Three summers<br>Clarke, Judith | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2011 | 9781742378275 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 67620 | Tom the outback mailman<br>Weidenbach, Kristin & Ide, Timothy (ill) | Lothian Books | 2012 | 9780734412249 | K-2 | Everyone living in the Northern South Australian outback depends upon Big Tom Kruse to deliver their mail. Not only letters but furniture, tyres, petrol, he delivers it all. But what is Tom to do when he is waylaid by an unexpected flood. With everyone relying on him, how will he make it all the way up to Birdsville and back. |
| 69147 | Too many elephants in this house<br>Dubosarsky, Ursula & Joyner, Andrew (ill) | Penguin | 2012 | 9780670075461 | K-2 | Eric has a problem, there are too many elephants in his house. Eric actually doesn't think it is a problem at all but his mum insists that it is. So what is he to do. He loves every single one of them and doesn't want to lose them. So where can all the elephants go. |
| 61947 | Topsy-turvy world<br>Murray, Kirsty | National Library of Australia | 2013 | 9780642277497 | 5-6 | 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<br>Wild, Margaret & Blackwood, Freya (ill) | Penguin Books Australia | 2013 | 9780670073658 | 5-6 | 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<br>Nix, Garth & Williams, Sean | | | | 5-6 | 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<br>Storer, Jen & Robertson, Claire (ill) | | | | 5-6 | 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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| 1069 | Two little bugs<br>Sommerset, Mark & Sommerset, Rowan (ill) | Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins) | 2013 | 9780732296599 | K-2 | Two very different bugs become aware that each has made their home on the same leaf, one on the top and one underneath. The red bug wants to eat his way right through the leaf they live on. |
| 1466 | Two nests<br>Anholt, Laurence & Coplestone, Jim (ill) | Frances Lincoln | 2013 | 9781847803238 | K-2 | Betty and Paul are birds who build a nest together. Betty lays an egg and out pops Baby Bird. Everyone is happy, but the nest is small, Betty and Paul squabble, and they decide that Paul should live in a different nest across the other side of the tree. Now there are two nests in the cherry tree. Betty and Paul both love Baby Bird, and soon he is able to fly over the cherry tree, visiting his two nests. |
| 43366 | Vanishing moment, The<br>Wild, Margaret | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743315903 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 1166 | Verity Sparks, lost and found<br>Green, Susan | Walker Books | 2013 | 9781921977886 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1268 | Very brave bear, The<br>Bland, Nick | Scholastic Australia | 2013 | 9781742838007 | K-2 | The Very Cranky Bear is back, and this time he is facing Boris Buffalo in a battle of bravery. Each comes up with an activity he is sure the other will be too afraid to complete and each time they are right behind each other, until a huge roar from big, very dark cave sends them both fleeing through the forest. |
| 49319 | Vietnam diary<br>Wilson, Mark | Hachette Children's Books | 2013 | 9780734412744 | 5-6 | 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<br>Cameron, Emma | Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781922077295 | 5-6 | 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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| 4730 | WARP: the reluctant assassin<br>Colfer, Eoin | Puffin UK | 2013 | 9780141341767 | 7-9 | The FBI and WARP (Witness Anonymous Relocation Programme) hide witnesses in the past to protect the future. Riley is a Victorian orphan, hurtled into the twenty-first century and on the run from his evil master, Albert Garrick, the terrifying assassin-for-hire pursuing Riley through time. As Garrick hunts them down, Riley and seventeen year-old FBI agent Chevie, face a race to stay alive and stop Garrick from returning to his own time. |
| 6482 | Weight of water, The<br>Crossan, Sarah | Bloomsbury | 2012 | 9781408823002 | 7-9 | 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. |
| 1861 | Where are you, Banana<br>Laguna, Sofie & Smith, Craig (ill) | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743310533 | K-2 | Roddy and his dog, Banana, are the best of friends, They play together, rest together and sleep together. What do Roddy and his parents do when they return home to find a hole under the back fence and no Banana. |
| 46407 | Windy farm<br>MacLeod, Doug & Smith, Craig (ill) | Working Title Press | 2013 | 9781921504419 | K-2 | There is a farm so windy that the family who live there need to wear heavy shoes so they don't blow away. Can they make the most of the wind. |
| 1776 | Wishbird, The<br>Wang, Gabrielle | Penguin | 2013 | 9780143307525 | 5-6 | 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. |
| 68261 | With Nan<br>Cox, Tania & Blair, Karen (ill) | Windy Hollow Books | 2013 | 9781921136122 | K-2 | A leaf that flies. A rock that hops. These are some of the wonderful things that Simon sees on his walk with Nan. Simon takes a walk through the bush with his Nan and along the way finds out that things are not always what they seem. |
| 23613 | Wolf and dog<br>Heede, Sylvia Vanden & Tolman, Marije (ill) | Gecko Press | 2013 | 9781877579387 | 3-4 | Dog and wolf are cousins, one tame, one wild, one literate, one not. Their numerous differences lead them to argue, which for Wolf, who is unable to read, is delighted when a good rhyme has been made. Wolf plays upon Dog's fear and responsibility as Boss' protector and Dog playing upon Wolf's inability to read. Neither comes to harm and both remain friends. |
| 1974 | Wombats go on camp, The<br>Harvey, Roland | Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd | 2013 | 9781743315040 | 3-4 | Freddie has one eye, Alecia hates everything and Horrie loves his pet rat. Join the class on a camping trip as they explore, build, cook, climb, perform and have the time of their lives. |

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| | Word hunters series - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Earls, Nick & Whidborne, Terry (ill) | | | | 7-9 | 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. |
| | World War I tales series - NEW SERIES 2014<br>Deary, Terry | | | | 5-6 | 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. |
| 1568 | Yobbos do yoga<br>Gwynne, Phillip & Joyner, Andrew (ill) | Little Hare Books | 2013 | 9781921714832 | 3-4 | The neighbours have moved out and now there is no one living next door, peace and quiet at last, so Dad can do his yoga and be happy. Then Tubby, Ferret and King Wally Kahuna move in. They love throwing parties and playing air guitar. Worst of all, they are yobbos and everyone knows that yobbos and yoga don't mix. |
| 1976 | You don't even know<br>Lawson, Sue | Black Dog Books | 2013 | 9781922179715 | 7-9 | 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. |