

2019 Premier's reading challenge



Year 7 – 9 booklist

This booklist is a guide only to help students, parents, guardians and teachers select age appropriate reading material. Students may select any suitable books, and may also wish to consider books from previous years' booklists.

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Author	Title and book summary	JF/F/N F	Pages	Theme	ISBN
Arena, Felice	Fearless Frederic (2018) 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. (Adapted from publisher)	F	176	Paris, Flood	9780143786757
Australian Geographic, various	Australia gone wild: Australian Geographic's greatest animal stories (2017) Over 40 of the best stories spanning the natural world from the smallest of invertebrates, to the creatures that inhabit the waters that surround us, to the largest of our marsupial mammals. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	224	Australian animals	9781925694505
Australian Geographic, various	The Solar System: Australian Geographic Science : Our place in the universe (2017) Discover Earth's place as one of eight planets in orbit around the sun. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	32	Solar System	9781742459585
Banks, Tristan	Two Wolves (2014) Ben and his sister are told they're going on a holiday. But are they? It doesn't take long for Ben to realise his parents are in trouble. Ben gathers evidence and tries to uncover what his parents have done. (Adapted from publisher)	F	288	Crime, Adventure, Family relations	9780857982032



Bauer, Michael Gerard	The running man (2014) Tom Leyton, a reclusive Vietnam veteran, has been the subject of rumour for thirty years. This story is about how we perceive others, the judgments we make about them, how we cope with tragedy and the nature of miracles. (Adapted from publisher)	F	304	Relationships	9781742990422
Burne, Cristy	Zeroes & Ones (2018) This is the history of some of the world's most important milestones in the development of technology – from the earliest computers made of light bulbs and an old tin to Wikileaks and smartphones. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	304	Technology, History	9781925589399
Carmody, Isobelle	Alyzon Whitestar (2016) Alyzon is the most normal member of a very eccentric family until the day that an accident leaves her with unique powers. Suddenly colours are more vibrant. Her memory is flawless, but strangest of all is Alyzon's sense of smell. (Adapted from publisher)	F	600	Suspense, Good & evil, Fantasy	9781925272185
Caro, Jane	Just a queen (2015) Determined, passionate and headstrong, Elizabeth I shaped the destiny of a kingdom. Using her courage to survive and her wits to confound those who despised her, this young woman became one of the greatest monarchs the world has ever seen. (Adapted from publisher)	F	320	Historical fiction	9780702253621
Chim, Wai	The freedom swimmer (2017) This incredible tale about two boys' swim from mainland China to Hong Kong in search of freedom from poverty and oppression is inspired by a true story. (Adapted from publisher)	F	272	Survival, Escape	9781760113414
Constable, Kate	Crow country A time-slip story with a murder mystery, war heroes, strained relationships, dark family secrets, racist actions and talking crows. (QDoE)	F	238	Time-slip mystery, War, History, Racism, Fantasy realism	9781742373959

Crew, Gary O'sullivan, Paul (illustrator)	The story of Eva Carmichael , The wreck of the 'Loch Ard' (2018) When Eva Carmichael boarded the Loch Ard, there were rumours that the ships of the Loch Line were cursed. And so it came to pass. In 1878, the magnificent clipper was wrecked off the treacherous coast of Victoria, Australia. (Adapted from publisher)	F	32	Historical fiction, Shipwreck	9781922134103
D'Ath, Justin	47 degrees (2019) A story based around the Black Saturday fires filled with courage, empathy, the importance of family and communities, and how the worst times can bring out the best in people. (Adapted from publisher)	F	256	Fire, Hope, Bravery	9780143789079
Daniel, Zoe & White, Len (ed)	Angel: through my eyes (2018) Weather events are a common part of living in the Philippines but nothing prepared Angel and her family for the lashings of a super tycoon. With her family missing and looters taking advantage of destroyed buildings, Angel wonders how she will ever find them again. (QDoE)	F	192	Natural disaster, Survival	9781760113773
DK	Timelines of everything (2018) Jam-packed with amazing facts, such as the most bloodthirsty pirate of all time and the first crime to be solved by studying fingerprints, <i>Timelines of Everything</i> will take you on a journey through an illustrated history of time. (Adapted from publisher)	NF	320	History	9780241302323
Dolan, Luke	Ned Kelly, The man behind the mask (2016) Folk hero or criminal, this is the story of <i>Ned Kelly</i> as you've never seen it before. (Adapted from publisher)	F	80	Graphic novel, Bushrangers, Australian history	9781742234496
Foxlee, Karen	Lenny's book about everything (2018) Lenny's brother Davey won't stop growing. At seven he is as tall as a man and his health is deteriorating. Lenny comes to accept the inevitable truth, Davey will never make it to fulfil their dream. (Adapted from publisher)	F	352	Family relations	9781760528706

French, Jackie	<p>A nation of swaggies and diggers (2018) [Fair dinkum histories series]</p> <p>Meet the swaggies, battling politicians, doddering generals, sheep stealers and heroic diggers who finally turned Australia into a nation in the latest instalment of the <i>Fair Dinkum Histories</i>. It's history as you've never seen it! (Adapted from publisher)</p>	NF	176	Australian history	9781742762487
Gardner, Scot	<p>Stuff happens: Fadi (2015) [Stuff happens series]</p> <p>Fadi is big and strong, an advantage on the rugby field but off the field and out of home he sometimes accidentally breaks things. With the help of his uncle and cousins, Fadi learns some seriously cool dance moves. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	96	Boys, Growing up	9780143308126
Griffiths, Andy; Denton, Terry (Illustrator)	<p>104-storey treehouse (2018) [Treehouse Series]</p> <p>Join Andy and Terry in their wonderfully wild and wacky 104-storey treehouse where anything is possible, from the money-making machine to the never ending staircase. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	368	Humour, Adventure	9781760554187
Harry, Pip	<p>Because of you (2017)</p> <p>What happens when a girl who feels like she has nothing, meets a girl who seems to have everything? A deeply touching novel about an unlikely friendship between two girls in very different circumstances. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	264	Friendship, Homelessness	9780702259777
Heath, Jack	<p>400 Minutes of Danger (2016)</p> <p>Ten nail-biting stories that will fascinate and entertain right down to the last minute. Who will win? Who will survive? (QDoE)</p>	F	192	Danger, Thriller, Action	9781760158798
Heffernan, John White, Lynn (editor)	<p>Hotaka (2017) [Through my eyes - Natural disaster zones series]</p> <p>A powerful and moving story about one boy caught up in the Japanese earthquake and tsunami of 2011. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	224	Japanese disaster, Tsunami, Earthquake	9781760113766

Heiss, Anita	<p>Our race for reconciliation</p> <p>When Mel Gordon and her family head to Sydney to see Cathy Freeman run in the Olympic Games, it becomes an unforgettable journey that brings together all Australians in a true spirit of reconciliation.(QDoE)</p>	F	202	History, Athletics, Reconciliation, Race relations, Olympics	9781760276119
Hunt, Julie, Newman, Dale (illustrator)	<p>Kid Glovz (2015)</p> <p><i>KidGlovz</i> is a such a musical genius that he's kept under lock and key. But when a young thief helps him escape, Kid must embark on a perilous journey to discover the terrifying nature of his talent. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	288	Graphic novel	9781742378527
Kauffman, Amie and Kristoff, Jay	<p>Obsidio (2018)</p> <p>Having narrowly escaped the attacks on Heimdall station, Kady, Ezra, Hanna and Nik find themselves taking refuge on a container ship along with 2000 others. Resources are scarce and options are limited. Will they return to the previously invaded Kerenza and what will they find? (QDoE)</p>	F	624	Science fiction, Fantasy	9781925266726
Keil, Melissa	<p>The secret science of magic (2017)</p> <p>Centred around teenagers, Joshua and Sophia, this is a heart-warming story about what it means to be extraordinary. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	328	Self-confidence, Teenager	9781760127763
Koch, Melissa	<p>3D printing: The revolution in personalized manufacturing (2017)</p> <p>Food, candy, toys, clothing, shoes, houses, cars, prosthetics...you name it, 3D printing can make it all! Learn about 3D printing technologies and materials, intellectual property challenges, environmental concerns, and much more. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	NF	112	Printing projects	9781512415704

Lane, Andrew	<p>Awol 2: Last safe moment (2018) [Awol series]</p> <p>Kieron has accidentally stumbled upon an undercover world and before he knows it he is a part of a mission to stop a weapon of mass destruction from falling into the wrong hands. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	288	Spy thriller, Action	9781848126633
Lewis, Robert	<p>The story of Australia (2017)</p> <p>This detailed illustrated history of Australia journeys from the formation of the continent to the growth of a modern, thriving nation. Clear, accessible text explains key events and the people behind them. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	NF	416	Australian history	9780857983145
Lloyd, Alion, Denton, Terry (illus)	<p>The upside down history of Downunder</p> <p>Funny, heroic and tragic – the true story of our country from prehistory to federation.</p>	NF	296	Australian history	9780143788669
Marshall, Alan	<p>I Can Jump Puddles (2004)</p> <p>An autobiographical story of Alan Marshall's childhood, a happy world in which, despite his crippling poliomyelitis, he plays, climbs, fights, swims, rides and laughs. His world was the Australian countryside early last century: rough-riders, bushmen, farmers and tellers of tall stories – a world held precious by the young Alan. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	264	Childhood, Australia, Disability	9780143003045
McKenna, Brenton	<p>Ubby's Underdogs: the legend of the phoenix dragon</p> <p>This graphic novel is an epic tale that follows the heroics of Ubby, a street-wise Aboriginal girl and the leader of a rag-tag gang known as the 'Underdogs'. (QDoE) [Ubby's Underdog series]</p>	F	168	Graphic novel, Quest, Adventure fantasy, Myths, Legends, Fantasy, Friendship	9781921248313
McPherson, Stephanie Sammartino	<p>Artificial intelligence (2017)</p> <p>Read about the history of artificial intelligence from smart cars to drones and learn how the fields of AI and neurology work together to create "thinking machines. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	NF	104	Artificial Intelligence	9781512418262

Noni, Lynette	<p>Draekora (2017) [Medoran Chronicles series]</p> <p>As friends become enemies and enemies become friends, Alex must decide who to trust as powerful new allies and adversaries push her towards a future of either light or darkness. One way or another, the world will change. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	320	Fantasy, Adventure	9781921997686
Oxlade, Chris	<p>The history of computers (2017)</p> <p>This fascinating book charts the history of computers, from the invention of the first calculating machines made of cogs and wheels during the 1640s to modern-day cloud computing and virtual reality headsets. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	NF	32	Computers	9781474740388
Peters, Cheree	<p>Time warper (2018) [Sequel to Time catcher]</p> <p>Thea and her friends must continue their escape from the Cardiff armament. What awaits them is only the beginning of Thea's worries. Her memories continue to return, leaving her with questions she doesn't know if she wants to answer. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	320	Fantasy	9781925736052
Plozza, Shivaun	<p>Tin Heart (2019)</p> <p>When Marlowe gets a heart transplant and a second chance at life, all she wants to do is to thank her donor's family. Maybe then she can move on. Maybe then she'll discover who she is if she's no longer The Dying Girl. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	313	Organ donorship, Resilience	9780143786276
Prince, Scott, Hartley, David	<p>Deadly D and Justice Jones: making the team</p> <p>11 year old Dylan has a strange condition that transforms him into a fully-grown man whenever he gets angry. But the 'curse' proves to be a blessing when his alter ego attracts the interest of the Broncos Football team. (QDoE) [Deadly D and Justice Jones series]</p>	F	128	Sport, Football, Friendship, Bullies, Humour, Fantasy	9781922142184

Pung, Alice	<p>Laurinda (2014)</p> <p>Lucy Lam scores a scholarship at Laurinda, an exclusive school for girls. In a world of privilege and entitlement, Lucy begins to doubt her own identity. In order to regain her voice, Lucy must find the courage to define herself anew. (QDoE)</p>	F	352	Identity, Friendship	9781863956925
Raphael, Solli	<p>Limelight (2018)</p> <p>As a voice of his generation, and at a time when youth movements worldwide hold much importance, this extraordinary book showcases creativity and the power of social consciousness. Features the viral video sensation 'Australian Air'. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	NF	128	Poetry	9780143793762
Rushby, Pamela	<p>Sing a rebel song (2015)</p> <p>Maggie McAllister and her family are caught up in a dramatic event from Australia's history: the Shearers' Strike of 1891. Played out on the quiet streets of Barcaldine, Maggie becomes involved in the Union's struggle through her writing. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	242	Australian historical fiction	9781742991344
Snyder, Maria	<p>Navigating the Stars (2018)</p> <p>A new discovery of life-sized terracotta warriors sees seventeen year old Lyra Daniels and her parents travelling fifty years into the future. With parents as the Galaxy's leading experts, Lyra's life as she knows it is about to change. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	444	Science fiction, Courage	9781489252746
Vu, Peter	<p>Paper cranes don't fly (2017)</p> <p>Adam is a cancer patient who just wishes he was normal. After his latest operation, everything seems like a lost hope. All he has left are his friends, but that may be all he needs. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	298	Illness, Friendship	9781925272765

Watson, Jessica	<p>Indigo Blue (2018)</p> <p>Alex spends her savings on a rundown little yacht and begins to restore it. A friendship builds with Sam, the sailmaker's apprentice. Sam's mysterious ways capture Alex's attention and force her to question what is real and what matters most. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	F	256	Sailing, Mystery story, Friendship	9780734418135
Wilkinson, Carole	<p>Ten pound Pom (2017)</p> <p>In the 1950s and 60s Australia welcomed thousands of British immigrants as part of the Assisted Passage Migration Scheme. <i>Ten pound Pom</i> is the true story of award-winning author Carole Wilkinson's immigration to Australia. (Adapted from publisher)</p>	NF	32	Immigration	9781925381214