



## 7-9 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.

★This title also appears on the 9plus booklist.

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

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	Alex Rider series Horowitz, Anthony				Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen.
916641	Animal facts: By the numbers Jenkins, Steve	Clarion Books	2022	9780358470168	In the by the Numbers series, we dive deep into the world of animals and insects. From the smallest known species of snake to the sleepest mammals, Animal Facts By the Numbers provides readers of all ages with the ultimate animal trivia knowledge.
903249	Atlas of abandoned places Smith, Oliver	Octopus	2022	9781784726928	From rusting rocket ships to crumbling opulent palaces belonging to former dictators, this atlas journeys across fifty remarkable sites across the world. No longer in their heyday, these sites are abandoned and eerily different to what they once were. Each site has its own story to share.
992270	Bad Influence Winter, Tamsin	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781474979078	Navigating school is difficult at the best of times, but Amelia has found herself branded with the worst nickname, Maggot. In her attempt to prove her classmates wrong and get away from her nickname and become popular, Amelia makes an even worse blunder.

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1019753	Bad magic: A Skulduggery Pleasant graphic novel Landy, Derek & Holden, P.J. & Soffe, Matt	HarperCollins Children's Books	2023	9780008585785	A small town in the middle of Ireland, a string of unexplained deaths and a monster on the loose. Better call in the experts. When Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain drive into Termoncara, they discover a town with a drak past and a people haunted by darker secrets. There is a creature stalking the streets - a creature who delights in cruelty, who feeds off the little hatreds, who grows stronger with every drop of blood spilled. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
903304	Barefoot kids Pape, Scott & Watson, Richard	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460763650	Do you want to be the boss and earn your own money? Get ready to go on an epic money adventure. Full of great ideas, tips and real life examples from kids who have set up their own business, you will learn fast easy ways to put money in your pocket and be a real life superhero.
1019760	Begin again Jeffers, Oliver	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008579593	It all begins with a question: Where did we begin? Oliver Jeffers explores fire first, and the early humans who controlled that fire and grew brains and started to do things with them. A thought provoking look at what guides us and where we came from.
982995	Bonesmith Preto, Nicki Pau	Hodder & Stoughton	2023	9781399722353	In the Dominions, the dead linger, violent and unpredictable, unless a bonesmith severs the ghost from its remains. For bonesmith Wren, becoming a a ghost-fighting warrior is a chance to solidify her place in the noble House of Bone and impress her frequently absent father. But when sabotage causes Wren to fail her qualifying trial, she is banished to the Border Wall, the last line of defense against a wasteland called the Breach where the vicious dead roam unchecked.  Determined to reclaim her family's respect, Wren gets her chance when a House of Gold prince is kidnapped and taken beyond the Wall. To prove she has what it takes to be a valkyr, Wren vows to cross the Breach and rescue the prince. But to do so, she's forced into an uneasy alliance with one of the kidnapers - a fierce ironsmith called Julian from the exiled House of Iron, the very people who caused the Breach in the first place -and the House of Bone's sworn enemy. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.

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995953	Borderland Akhurst, Graham	University of Western Australia Press	2023	9781760802646	<p>Jono, a city-born Indigenous teenager is trying to figure out who he really is. Life in Brisbane hasn't exactly made him feel connected to his Country or community.</p> <p>After graduating, Jono and his friend Jenny score gigs at the Aboriginal Performing Arts Centre and an incredible opportunity comes knocking - interning with a documentary crew. Their mission? To promote a big government mining project in the Queensland desert. The catch? The details are sketchy, and the land is rumoured to be sacred. But who cares? Jono is stoked just to be part of something meaningful.</p> <p>Life takes a turn when they land in Gambari, a tiny rural town far from the city. He's haunted by an eerie omen of death, battling suffocating panic attacks, and even experiencing visions of Wudun - a malevolent spirit from the Dreaming. What's the real story behind the gas mining venture? Are the documentary crew hiding something from Jono? Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
871665	Bravest word, The Foster, Kate	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2022	9781760654719	<p>Matt is having trouble on the football field. Real trouble. All the enjoyment has been sucked out of the game that was once his whole life and now his body seems to be seizing up. He is tired all the time and overwhelmed by thoughts that leave him sure he's second rate. Which is when Matt meets Cliff, an abandoned puppy that needs saving. Perhaps together, they can help each other discover how to be brave.</p>
622507	Bruiser Shusterman, Neal	Harper	2010	9780061134104	<p>The twins, Tennyson and Bronte, are very different in how they approach the world. This is best seen by the different reactions both have to the large, brooding and mysterious Brewster. While many in the school believe he is a dark and dangerous menace, Bronte befriends him and they begin dating. This is how both siblings notice the horrible scars on Brewster and suspect he is being abused at home. The truth is far stranger.</p>

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1019913	Buzzing Sattin, Samuel & Hickman, Rye (ill)	Hachette Australia	2023	9780316628419	<p>Isaac Itkin can't get away from his thoughts.</p> <p>As a lonely twelve-year-old kid with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), everything from studying to looking in the mirror becomes a battle between him and a swarm of unhelpful thoughts.</p> <p>The strict therapy his mother insists on doesn't seem to be working, but when a group of friends invites him to join their after-school role-playing game, the thoughts feel a little less loud, and the world feels a little brighter.</p> <p>But Isaac's therapist says that exposure to games can have negative effects on kids with OCD, and when his grades slip, his helicopter mother won't let him play anymore. Now Isaac needs to find a way to prove to himself, to his mother, and to the world that the way to quiet the noise in his head may have been inside him all along.</p>
1017746	Champion: a memoir of tennis and teamwork Barty, Ash	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460762738	<p>This is a tennis story. It is a family story. It is a teamwork story. It is the story of how Ash Barty got to be who she is today. It is her story about the power and joy of doing that thing you love and seeing where it can take you.</p> <p>This book reflects on her whole tennis journey, from the first time she picked up a racquet to packing her bag after winning the Australian Open in 2022.</p> <p>It explains how she worked through self-doubt, homesickness and a break from the sport to realise her tennis dreams, winning Wimbledon and ranking number 1 in the world.</p> <p>Ash is hoping her story will inspire you to follow your dreams.</p>

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751931	🌀 Clap when you land Acevedo, Elizabeth	HarperTeen	2020	9780062882769	<p>Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people...</p> <p>In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash.</p> <p>Separated by distance - and Papi's secrets - the two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered.</p> <p>And then, when it seems like they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other.</p> <p>In a dual narrative novel in verse that brims with both grief and love, award-winning and bestselling author Elizabeth Acevedo writes about the devastation of loss, the difficulty of forgiveness, and the bittersweet bonds that shape our lives.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
885974	Comedienne's guide to Pride, The Thomson, Hayli	HarperCollins Australia	2022	9781460762325	<p>When Taylor is accepted as a finalist for a diverse writers' internship at Saturday Night Live, it turns her life upside down. And if Taylor wants a shot at winning, she'll have to come out about both of her secrets- being a comedienne and a lesbian.</p> <p>The only thing keeping Taylor from self-combusting is her pining for Salem's most bewitching actress - out and proud classmate, Charlotte Grey. So when Taylor finds herself sitting opposite Charlotte to discuss a school project, Taylor's simmering need to tell everyone exactly who she is and what she wants burns hotter than ever .</p>
998662	🌀 Cytonic Sanderson, Brandon	Orion	2021	9780399555855	<p>Spensa's life as a Defiant Defense Force pilot has been far from ordinary. She proved herself one of the best starfighters in the human enclave of Detritus and she saved her people from extermination at the hands of the Krell - the enigmatic alien species that has been holding them captive for decades. What's more, she traveled light-years from home as an undercover spy to infiltrate the Superiority, where she learned of the galaxy beyond her small, desolate planet home. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p> <p>Now, the Superiority - the governing galactic alliance bent on dominating all human life - has started a galaxy-wide war. And Spensa has seen the weapons they plan to use to end it: the Delves. Ancient, mysterious alien forces that can wipe out entire planetary systems in an instant. Spensa knows that no matter how many pilots the DDF has, there is no defeating this predator. "</p>

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901576	🔴 Dancing barefoot Boyle, Alice	Text Publishing Co	2022	9781922458711	<p>Patch is out of place at Mountford College- she wears the wrong clothes, she's not sporty or popular, she lives in a small flat above her dad's record shop a world away from the leafy suburb where she goes to school. And she has a secret long-term crush on basketball star Evie Vanhoutte. Evie barely knows Patch exists until an accident involving a bottle of ink and Patch's school uniform sparks a friendship that's equal parts exhilarating and terrifying, and very, very confusing.</p> <p>As if that weren't enough, Patch is also trying to deal with a jealous school bully, forgetting to be supportive of her transitioning best friend, Edwin, and worrying about how a potential new stepmother could throw everything off course.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1019755	🔴 Dark Heir Pacat, C.S.	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760875763	<p>The Dark King has risen. Only a handful of heroes remain. The Hall of the Stewards is in ruins. Pursued by dark forces, Will and his allies must travel to the heart of the ancient world, forging new and dangerous ties, and revealing the shocking secrets of the past. But Will is carrying a dark secret of his own - his true identity. As the ancient world threatens to return, can Will and his friends fight their fate? Or will the truths they learn tear their world apart?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
885973	🔴 Darkening, The Mara, Sunya	Hodder & Stoughton	2022	9781529354874	<p>The Storm is a deadly force that surrounds the city and curses everyone in it. Vesper Vale and her ex-revolutionary father must evade both the storm and the queen's soldiers by using dangerous experimental magic. When her father is captured, Vesper must find a way to infiltrate the elite squad of soldier-sorcerers, lead by the powerful Prince Valca. When Vesper learns there's more at play within the deadly Storm, she must risk everything to fight - including her heart.</p> <p>This book contains adult themes, including depictions of death and violence. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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1019799	Defiant Sanderson, Brandon	Orion	2023	9781473234604	<p>Spensa has made it out of the Nowhere, but what she saw in the space between the stars has changed her forever. She came face to face with the Delters, and finally got answers to the questions she's had about her own strange Cytonic gifts.</p> <p>The Superiority didn't stop in its fight for galactic dominance while she was gone, though. Spensa's team, Skyward Flight, was able to hold Winzik off, and even collect allies to help with the cause, but it's only a matter of time until humanity-and the rest of the galaxy-falls.</p> <p>Defeating them will require all the knowledge Spensa gathered while in the Nowhere. But being Cytonic is more complicated than she ever could have imagined. Now, Spensa must ask herself: How far is she willing to go for victory, if it means losing herself-and her friends-in the process.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1000114	Drawn Together Le, Minh & Santat, Dan (ill)	Little Brown	2018	9781484767603	<p>When a young boy visits his grandfather, their lack of a common language leads to confusion, frustration, and silence. But as they sit down to draw together, something magical happens-with a shared love of art and storytelling, the two form a bond that goes beyond words.</p>
1019917	Dungeons and drama Boyce, Kristy	Delacorte Press	2024	9780593647011	<p>Musical lover Riley has big aspirations to become a director on Broadway. Crucial to this plan is to bring back her high school's spring musical, but when Riley takes her mom's car without permission, she's grounded and stuck with the worst punishment: spending her after-school hours working at her dad's game shop.</p> <p>Riley can't waste her time working when she has a musical to save, so she convinces Nathan - a nerdy teen employee - to cover her shifts and, in exchange, she'll flirt with him to make his gamer-girl crush jealous. But Riley didn't realize that meant joining Nathan's Dungeons &amp; Dragons game... or that role playing would be so fun. Soon, Riley starts to think that flirting with Nathan doesn't require as much acting as she would've thought...</p>

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1019863	Eleanor Jones is not a murderer Doak, Amy	Penguin	2023	9781761342417	<p>Eleanor Jones has just started at her ninth high school in less than five years. Since she and her mum are always moving on, Eleanor likes to stay on the outer, to stay invisible. So maybe it's just bad luck that the very first person she talks to at Coinda Secondary College, Angus Marshall, is stabbed and left for dead the same day. The last message on Angus's phone is from Eleanor Jones.</p> <p>After being interviewed by the police, Eleanor realises they don't have all the facts and decides to investigate. In trying to understand what happened to Angus, Eleanor inadvertently becomes involved with an eclectic group of fellow students - all of whom have their own reasons to want to solve the mystery.</p> <p>As they slowly unravel Angus's secrets, Eleanor discovers the true meaning of friendship - and uncovers a danger lurking at the heart of the town...</p>
	Enola Holmes series Springer, Nancy				Any five titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top of the screen.
885702	*Evacuation Road Waugh, HM	Rhiza Press	2021	9781761110351	Eva is far from home when everything goes wrong. And then it gets even worse. Her evacuation bus leaves her behind, stranded with classmates she barely knows. The chase is on. But South America is big, and the old rules are changing quickly. This is the road trip Eva never knew she needed. This is the race for the last flight home. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.



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1019752	Faint of heart, The Wilson, Kerilynn	Greenwillow	2023	9780063116221	<p>Not that long ago, the Scientist discovered that all sadness, anxiety, and anger disappeared when you removed your heart. And that's all it took. Soon enough, the hospital had lines out the door - even though the procedure numbed the good feelings, too.</p> <p>Everyone did it. Everyone except high school student June. But now the pressure, loneliness, and heartache are mounting, and it's becoming harder and harder to be the only one with a heart.</p> <p>One day, June comes across an abandoned heart in a jar. The heart in the jar intrigues her, it baffles her, and it brings her hope. But the heart also brings her Max, a classmate with a secret of his own.</p> <p>And it may rip June's own heart in two.</p>
992532	🚫 Fireflies in flight Jakobsen, Mette	Angus & Robertson (HarperCollins)	2023	9781460762097	<p>Ally is on the run. The city is in ruins. Her friends are in mortal danger. Nothing about being back in the city is easy, but Ally knows that she must find the missing research before ONE does. The Administration has tight control of the capital and there are eyes everywhere. In her attempt to find somewhere to hide, Ally discovers that not everyone in the underground resistance group she encounters is welcoming, or safe. As tension builds in the city, Ally learns that the go-ahead has already been given to start the deadly experiments on her friends who are still locked up in the Towers. In a race against time, Ally is forced to risk everything. Will she be able to find the hidden research? Can she get back to the Towers to save her friends before it's too late? And can she really trust Josh, the handsome resistance group leader?</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
1019829	First time for everything, A Santat, Dan	First Second	2023	9781626724150	<p>Dan has a happy and mostly uneventful primary school experience. He is happy and comfortable. And then he goes to year seven. High school is very different. Kids can be rough, loud, and even a little cruel. At the end of the year he gets the chance to go on a school trip to Europe. Dan meets several other young people similar to himself and has a summer to remember. This autobiographical graphic novel celebrates being true to yourself and finding your tribe.</p>

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	Friday Barnes series Various				Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
688974	Get even McNeil, Gretchen	HarperCollins Australia	2020	9780062260857	Get even follows four high school students , Bree, Olivia, Kitty and Margot who have nothing in common however someone wants to get revenge on them. This fast pace revenge story has lots of twists and turns and chapter cliffhangers.
763456	Girls Change the Game Gabrielle Gloury	Ford Street Publishing	2020	9781925804492	The first Scorpions Under 14 Girls team from the Westpark Football Club has just been announced and this is their very first game. The Scorpions are up against the match-ready competition, the Eastvale Ravens.  You can steer the Scorpions to victory by choosing what happens in the game in this choose your own adventure story!
1019629	Girls change the game: First Game back Gloury, Gabrielle & Hyde, Michael	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696304	The Westpark Scorpions are back for a second season. They have a new coach and some new players. Will they be victorious this year? In this choose-your-own adventure, it's up to you!
936337	Grace notes Comer, Karen	Hachette Australia	2023	9780734421722	A debut YA verse novel about what happens when the paths of a young busking violinist and an aspiring street artist collide during a pandemic. Set in one of the most locked-down cities in the world - Melbourne, 2020.
977765	Hamlet is not OK Spratt, RA	Penguin	2023	9780143779278	Selby has mastered the art of going unnoticed and seems happy avoiding most school work and friendship dramas in this way. All goes well until her school contacts Selby's parents and they are not happy. With the help of her tutor, Selby finds herself not just reading Hamlet, but trying to help him understand his misery and murderous inclinations.
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1019856	Heavy as a mountain Connolly, Vincent	Booktopia Editions	2020	9781925995114	A WWII Japanese airman in the two greatest battles fought on Australian soil, shamed by his capture, faces a dilemma - uphold the honour of his family or risk the life of his young wife? Duty is heavy as a mountain, death as light as a feather. He conceals his true name to protect his family. Suicide is a possibility, but he's drawn away from his military indoctrination by experiences with ordinary Australians, drawn towards living out his own individuality. But the young bride he left behind had vowed she would kill herself if he died. He could write to tell her he lives, but would that reveal his cowardice, shame his family? A tale of the Australian WWII experience, seen through the eyes of this deeply troubled man.
958039	Henna wars, The Jaigirdar, Adiba		2022	9781645675730	<p>When Nishat comes out to her parents, they say she can be anyone she wants - as long as she isn't herself. Because Muslim girls don't like other girls. Nishat doesn't want to hide who she is, but she also doesn't want to lose her relationship with her family. And her life only gets harder once a childhood friend walks back into her life.</p> <p>Flavia is beautiful and charismatic and Nishat falls for her instantly. But when a school competition invites students to create their own businesses, both Flavia and Nishat choose to do henna, even though Flavia is appropriating Nishat's culture. Amidst sabotage and school stress, their lives get more tangled - but Nishat can't quite get rid of her crush on Flavia, and realizes there might be more to her than she realized.</p>

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967407	Hunger for Thorns, A Wilkinson, Lili	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760526948	<p>Maude is the daughter of witches. She spent her childhood running wild with her best friend, Odette, weaving stories of girls who slayed dragons and saved princes. Then Maude grew up and lost her magic - and her best friend.</p> <p>These days, magic is toothless, reduced to glamour patches and psychic energy drinks found in supermarkets and shopping malls. Odette has always hungered for forbidden, dangerous magic, and two weeks ago she went searching for it. Now she's missing, and everyone says she's dead. Everyone except Maude.</p> <p>Storytelling has always been Maude's gift, so she knows all about girls who get lost in the woods. She's sure she can find Odette inside the ruins of Sicklehurst, an abandoned power plant built over an ancient magical forest - a place nobody else seems to remember is there. The danger is, no one knows what remains inside Sicklehurst, either. And every good story is sure to have a monster.</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1019845	If I Have To Be Haunted Sun, Miranda	HarperCollins US	2023	9780008612412	<p>Ghosts are always trouble, so Cara pretends she didn't inherit the ability to see and speak to them. She ignores their problems in favour of diligently completing homework and preparing for college. When she discovers the body of the school golden boy and her personal arch nemesis, she realises she can no longer pretend. Cara has to own up to her powers and set out on a journey that could be deadly.</p>

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1019639	If our world were 100 days McCann, Jackie & Cushley, Aaron (ill)	Farshore	2023	9780008599287	<p>A thought-provoking way of looking at world history and our place within it.</p> <p>About 10,000 years ago marks a major turning point in the history of life on Earth for humankind as people settled down and built towns and cities. Importantly, during this period, they began to record their activities and achievements.</p> <p>But 10,000 years ago is difficult to imagine - what if our calendar were condensed into just 100 days, where each day equals 100 years? How many days ago were the first cities built? When did the population explosion happen? When did we decide to write things down and when did books appear? Did writing change the way we share ideas?</p> <p>This book asks questions big and small, leaving readers wondering if all the changes have been for the better, and what does it mean for our future.</p>
1019857	If you tell anyone, you're next Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2023	9781761292019	<p>Jayden Jones is missing. Everyone thinks he ran away. His best friend, Zoe Gale, knows they're wrong. Zoe's search leads her to The 17 - a secret group chat, used by anonymous teens to blackmail the powerless. To join, you have to put on a mask and record yourself completing a challenge. The challenges are always illegal. Sometimes dangerous. Maybe deadly. Who are The 17? What have they done to Jayden? And what will they do to silence Zoe? A rollercoaster of suspense and twists from the author of the Liars series.</p>
1019764	In my blood it runs Hoosan, Djujan & Anderson, Margaret & Turner, Carol & Douglas, Blak (ill)	Pan MacMillan	2023	9781761263774	<p>This is the story of Djujan Hoosan, a 10-year-old Arrernte and Garawa boy. A wise, funny, cheeky boy. A healer.</p> <p>Out bush, his healing power (Ngangkere) is calm and straight. But in town, it's wobbly and wild, like a snake.</p> <p>He's in trouble at school, and with the police. He thinks there's something wrong with him.</p> <p>Djujan's family knows what to do: they send him to live out bush, to learn the ways of the old people, and the history that runs straight into all Aboriginal people.</p> <p>So he can be proud of himself.</p>

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1019843	In the secret place Crew, Gary		2023	9780645714937	What does a teenage boy do when he has no friends? When everyone who knows him sneers? When he is laughed at to his face? The answer is simple. That boy chooses his own path. That boy makes his own way in life. That boy grows stronger. He finds his secret place and there-alone, in the dark- he grows even stronger. Ben Gardner is such a boy. Ben Gardner could be you...
1019631	In times of bushfires and billy buttons Herrick, Steven	Ford Street Publishing	2023	9781922696366	Ethan's parents are in jail, his aunt works too hard, the new kid, Joshua, has a scar on his arm, a firestorm threatens the suburb, while wildflowers bloom along the school fence.  For Ethan, Audrey and their friends, it's time to choose what's important and what to leave behind.
1019912	Inheritance: A visual poem Acevedo, Elizabeth & Pippins, Andrea (ill)	Quill Tree Books	2022	9780062931948	A beautiful adaptation of Elizabeth Acevedo's famous spoken-word poem with captivating illustrations.
1019775	Ink girls Nijkamp, Marieke & Bi, Sylvia (ill)	HarperCollins US	2023	9780063027107	A beautiful illustrated graphic novel that follows Cinzia - a printer's apprentice - as she tries to prove her mentor, Mestra Aronne, has been wrongfully imprisoned. She crosses paths with Elena, the daughter of nobles who force her to remain hidden away, and the two become unexpected allies. This is a powerful story of friendship and explores the power of individuals making a change to make the world a better place.
992258	Just like everyone else Hagger-Holt, Sarah	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2023	9781801315784	Thirteen-year-old Aidan can't breathe in his crowded family home. Running is his only respite from four loud sisters and involved, touchy-feely parents. Then his mum makes an announcement: she's having another baby. Only, this time it's not for her; she will be a surrogate for gay couple Justin and Atif. Aidan is incensed. As if his family wasn't embarrassing - or big - enough already. But he's also scared. Aidan thinks he might be gay, and he's really struggling to accept this possibility. He's definitely not ready to come out, but what if being around Justin and Atif exposes him as gay? If only he was just like everyone else.

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903246	🚫 Killing code, The Marney, Ellie	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2022	9781760526535	<p>1943. World War II is raging across Europe and on the Pacific front. Kit Sutherland is hiding a huge secret when she is unexpectedly recruited to work as a young codebreaker at Arlington Hall, a US Signals Intelligence facility.</p> <p>When Kit's roommate doesn't return home from a dance, it sparks a search that ends in a gruesome discovery. And soon it turns into a horrifying pattern: Government girls are being murdered in Washington, DC.</p> <p>Kit joins forces with three other girl codebreakers, Dottie, Moya and Violet, and as they work to crack the killer's code, two things become terrifyingly clear: the murderer they're hunting is getting closer every moment... and Kit's own secret could put her in more jeopardy than she ever imagined. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
855833	🚫 League of liars Scholte, Astrid	Penguin	2022	9781760630799	<p>Shadows are dangerous. Edem is illegal. And liars are cowards. Ever since his mother was killed in a freak edem-based crime, seventeen-year-old Cayder Broduck has had one goal: to have illegal users of extradimensional magic brought to justice. Cayder dreams of becoming a prosecutor and, when he secretly accepts an apprenticeship under the city's best public defender, he plans to learn every legal trick he can to one day dismantle defence arguments. Then he'll finally be able to make sure justice is served. But when he meets all three criminals he is to defend, he finds they are teenagers, like him, and their stories are....complicated, like his. As their cases unfold, Cayder must race to separate the truth from the lies and uncover what really happened the night his mother died. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
1019798	Let's never speak of this again Williams, Megan	Text Publishing Co	2023	9781922790392	<p>Life is pretty good for sixteen-year-old Abby. Okay, her grandma has dementia and she accidentally kissed her cousin's cousin on the weekend, so not everything is perfect. But everything is manageable with her best friend Ella by her side. The arrival of new girl Chloe and her inclusion in the friendship group throws up some challenges for established relationships but when tragedy strikes Ella's family, Abby has to re-evaluate her own feelings and work out what friendship really means.</p>

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1019866	Look me in the eye Godwin, Jane	Lothian Books	2024	9780734420794	Bella and Connie have been close friends for years and they continue to support each other as they start high school and come out of the lockdowns imposed due to the pandemic. Connie's cousin, Mish, has shown up under some mysterious circumstances and the girls are forced to welcome the older girl into their friendship. Mish is not a good fit and does not want to be a good fit. Bella and Connie need to find the balance between doing what they think is right, while trying not to attract the wrath of Mish.
916596	Lorikeet tree, The Jennings, Paul	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180095	Emily loves the bush and the native animals on her family's reforested property, particularly the beautiful rainbow lorikeets that nest in one of the tallest trees. But then her father is diagnosed with a terminal illness, and Emily's world enters a tailspin.  Her twin brother, Alex, refuses to accept the truth. His coping mechanism is to build elaborate additions to his treehouse in the superstitious belief that it will avert disaster - leaving Emily to deal with harsh reality on her own.  When Alex secretly adopts a feral kitten, going against everything that's important to Emily, the siblings' emotions reach boiling point - with potentially dangerous consequences for them all.
1019827	Lost year, The Marsh, Katherine	Roaring Book Press	2023	9781250313607	Thirteen-year-old Matthew is miserable. His journalist dad is stuck overseas and his mom has moved in his one-hundred-year-old great-grandmother to ride out the Covid pandemic. But when Matthew finds a tattered black-and-white photo in his great-grandmother's belongings, he discovers a clue to a hidden chapter of her past - one that will lead to a life-shattering family secret. Set in alternating times that connect the present day to the 1930s and the US to the USSR and the Holodomor - the horrific famine that killed millions of Ukrainians, which the Soviet government covered up for decades.
903282	Love & other natural disasters Sugiura, Misa	HarperCollins US	2023	9780062991249	Nozomi has it all planned out--a summer in San Francisco, the perfect internship and fake dating the girl of her dreams. All she has to do now is turn the fauxmance with the perfect girl into something real. But when it comes to love, there's no such thing as the perfect plan.... Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.



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820988	Love is for losers Brueggemann, Wibke	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2020	9780374313975	Fifteen-year-old Phoebe thinks falling in love is vile and degrading, and vows never to do it. Then, due to circumstances not entirely in her control, she finds herself volunteering at a local thrift shop. There she meets Emma . . . who might unwittingly upend her whole theory on life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
941510	Monkey who fell from the future, The Welford, Ross	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780008544744	The year is 2425. Centuries after a catastrophic meteor collision, nature has retaken the earth. In a small town in what was once England, young Ocean Mooney and the monkey-owning Duke Smiff have just dug up a 400 year-old tablet computer.  Meanwhile, in the present day, Thomas Reeve and his genius cousin Kylie create the Time Tablet - a device which they hope will allow them to communicate with the future.  But when the Time Tablet malfunctions live on television, Thomas and Kylie are sucked into the year 2425 - and have only 24 hours to return home, and save the future of humanity...
1019626	Murder in velvet Wynne, Sarah & Barrett, Laura (ill)	New Frontier Publishing	2023	9781922326836	13 year old Grace loves her new charity shop coat. It is perfect! Except for one tiny thing. When she wears it, she sees visions of the previous owner's life....and their murder! Grace and her best friend, Suzy, decide to investigate but digging up the past reveals secrets some people want kept hidden. Can Grace solve a fifty-year-old murder or will she become the killer's next victim?
941519	Nightbirds Armstrong, Kate J	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760526900	In a dazzling new fantasy world full of whispered secrets and political intrigue, the magic of women is outlawed but three girls with unusual gifts have the chance to change it all.

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1013504	Occasionally happy family, An Burke, Cliff	HarperCollins US	2021	9780063286672	<p>There are zero reasons for Theo Ripley to look forward to his family vacation. Not only are he, sister Laura, and nature-obsessed Dad going to Big Bend, the least popular National Park, but once there, the family will be camping. And Theo is an indoor animal. It doesn't help that this will be the first vacation they're taking since Mom passed away.</p> <p>Once there, the family contends with 110 degree days, wild bears, and an annoying amateur ornithologist and his awful teenage vlogger son. Then, Theo's dad hits him with a whopper of a surprise: the whole trip is just a trick to introduce his secret new girlfriend.</p> <p>Theo tries to squash down the pain in his chest. But when it becomes clear that this is an auditioning-to-be-his-stepmom girlfriend, Theo must find a way to face his grief and talk to his dad before his family is forever changed.</p>
707956	Odd 1s out, The: The first sequel Rallison, James	Scholastic Australia	2020	9781760973377	<p>An original collection of stories from YouTube sensation James Rallison, filled with funny stories including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The upside of the robot uprising</li> <li>- Questionable pizza toppings</li> <li>- Strange yet completely reasonable fears</li> <li>- Inventions that don't exist, but should</li> </ul>
803523	One in a hundred thousand Ingemundsen, Linni	Usborne Publishing Ltd	2021	9781474940641	<p>Fifteen year old Sander wishes he was like everyone else. But he has Silver-Russell syndrome, a condition that affects one in a hundred thousand. It means he is smaller than all the other kids in school, a place where the biggest and the loudest get all the attention. Like Niklas. Everyone thinks Niklas is cool and good-looking - except Sander. He doesn't like the way Niklas brags, behaves like a jerk and lies. Niklas is one of life's tall people and next to him, Sander always ends up feeling small. But Sander is different in more ways than one. He notices things other people miss, and he's noticed something about Niklas...</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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978216	One of us is back McManus, Karen M.	Penguin	2023	9780593485019	<p>Ever since Simon died in detention, life hasn't been easy for the Bayview Crew. First the Bayview Four had to prove they weren't killers. Then a new generation had to outwit a vengeful copycat. Now, it's beginning again.</p> <p>At first the mysterious billboard seems like a bad joke: Time for a new game, Bayview. But when a member of the crew disappears, it's clear this 'game' just got serious - and no one understands the rules.</p> <p>Everyone's a target. And now that someone unexpected has returned to Bayview, things are starting to get deadly.</p> <p>Simon was right about secrets - they all come out in the end. And Bayview has a lot it's still hiding.</p> <p>Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>
845528	One red shoe Gruss, Karin & Krejtschi, Tobias (ill)	Wilkins Farago Pty Ltd	2014	9780987109965	<p>You're about to go to a place where thousands, even millions, of kids live every day.</p> <p>You're about to enter a war zone.</p> <p>There's been an attack. Grabbing his camera, a newspaper photographer rushes to the nearest clinic. What he finds there will change the way he thinks forever. Inspired by real events in the Middle East, events you might see any day on the TV news, this groundbreaking and acclaimed picture book for older readers will take you to a place far from comfort and safety.</p> <p>What could you possibly have in common with the kids who live there? You're about to find out...</p>
876985	Other Side of Tomorrow, The Lawrence, Hayley	Scholastic Australia	2022	9781760976453	<p>What if you thought you had forever... To live your life. To tell your story. But what if forever was taken from you? When your tomorrows are counted, all you have is this moment. And this story you wish was never yours to tell. When Abby traded her life in the city for a wholesome new life on the coast, it was meant to be a fresh start for her family. Behind them was the sickness and sadness of the past. But sickness doesn't always play by the rules. And as Abby's past threatens to swallow her future, she is forced to decide what is most important. What she will fight for. And she will fight. For however many days she has left.</p>

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977801	Prince & the apocalypse, The McDowell, Kara	Wednesday Books	2023	9781761264535	Wren is a planner, but breaking news of a comet hurling towards Earth leaves her careful itinerary in tatters. Left behind after her senior-year trip to London she meets cute Prince Theo, the British crown prince. Wren and the Prince are soon forced into the highest-stakes journey of them all, racing through Europe to get her back home before the end of the world. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
941471	Project Nought Furedi, Chelsey	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780358381693	Ren Mittal's last memory in the year 1996 is getting on a bus to visit his mystery pen pal Georgia. When he wakes up in 2122, he thinks he might be hallucinating...he's not!Tech conglomerate Chronotech sponsors a time-travel program to help students in 2122 learn what history was really like...from real-life subjects who've been transported into the future...and Ren is one of them.In 2122, Ren's life in the 1990s is practically ancient history-and Ren's not sure how to feel about that. On top of it all, he learns that his memory will be wiped of all things 2122 before he's sent back to the '90s. Adding to Ren's complicated feels, he's forming a crush on his student guide, Mars.And when he crosses paths with the absolute last person he expected to see in the future, he has a bigger problem on his hands: What if Chronotech isn't the benevolent organization they claim to be, and he and his fellow subjects are in great danger.
870185	Prometheus High: How to make a monster Wilson, Stuart	Puffin Australia	2022	9781761042256	Athena Strange's first semester at Prometheus High starts with a bang. But when her lessons in reanimation, robotics and skulkers move too slowly and she has trouble making friends, Athena decides to take matters into her own hands.  On a ship where science and magic collide, and the monster under your bed is probably very real ... will Athena be able to hold her head above water?

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941473	Revelle Smith, Lyssa Mia	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9780063323360	<p>Luxe Revelle, star of her family's fantastical show, knows the splendor is just an illusion. With Prohibition threatening their livelihood, her family struggles to make a living, watering down champagne and patching holes in their sequined costumes. So when the son of Charmant's wealthiest family makes her an offer - everything the Revelles need to stay in business, in exchange for posing as his girl and helping him become mayor - she can't refuse.</p> <p>The moment Jamison Port sets foot in Charmant, he can't shake the feeling of familiarity. An orphan with as few memories as gemstones, he's desperate to learn what happened to his parents. But as he delves into the island's secrets, he risks angering the wrong person and discovering a truth that just might break his heart.</p> <p>When Luxe and Jamison accidentally meet, the sparks that fly are more than her magical enchantments. But keeping secrets from powerful people is a dangerous game . . . one that could destroy them both.</p>
1019690	Samosa rebellion, The Sekaran, Shanthi	HarperCollins US	2021	9780063051546	<p>Before his grandmother moved from India to the island of Mariposa, Muki Krishnan's life was pretty good. He hung out with his friends, stayed under the radar at school, and slept as late as he could. But now? He has to share his bedroom with Paati, his grandmother, who snores all night then wakes him at dawn to do yoga.</p> <p>Paati's arrival coincides with bigger challenges in Mariposa as the once peaceful island is fracturing. The president divides the people into those who have lived here for 3 or more generations (Butterflies) or more recent immigrants like Muki's family (Moths). Muki and his friends find the camp that is being built to imprison Moths and then Paati is taken away. A rebellion is under way but can Muki save Paati and his family in time and what can one school boy do against a whole government?</p>

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1019621	Secret sparrow French, Jackie	HarperCollins Australia	2023	9781460760468	It's 1916 and sixteen-year-old Jean McLain is working in a Post Office in a quiet village in England. Jean wins the national Morse code competition and that sets her on an adventure to help the British army as a secret signaller in France. Jean begins her time in France on a British army base as part of an all-female signaller team, sending and decoding messages to and from the battle front. Soon she finds herself right on the battlefields in a trench as the British army begins to make the final push towards Germany. Based on true events, this story of adventure, courage and unshakable loyalty restores women and girls to their place in history that the British authorities have tried to erase.
903381	Seven percent of Ro Devereux O'Clover, Ellen	HarperCollins US	2023	9780063318311	Seven percent of Ro Devereux is a fast paced romance which follows Ro a creator of a app called MASH. The app becomes an overnight success but Ro is forced to partner with Miller (her ex best-friend) A story about loss, family dynamics and living your dreams. This book is a 21st Century look on life on socials! Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
871491	Seventh most important thing, The Shelley Pearsall	Random House Children's Books	2015	9780553497311	Arthur T. Owens grabbed a brick and hurled it at the trash picker. Arthur had his reasons, and the brick hit the Junk Man in the arm, not the head. But none of that matters to the judge-he is ready to send Arthur to juvie forever. Amazingly, it's the Junk Man himself who offers an alternative: 120 hours of community service... working for him.  Arthur is given a rickety shopping cart and a list of the Seven Most Important Things: glass bottles, foil, cardboard, pieces of wood, lightbulbs, coffee cans, and mirrors. He can't believe it-is he really supposed to rummage through people's trash? But it isn't long before Arthur realizes there's more to the Junk Man than meets the eye, and the "trash" he's collecting is being transformed into something more precious than anyone could imagine. . . .
903334	Silence that binds us, The Ho, Joanna	HarperCollins US	2022	9780063059344	Maybelline Chen isn't the Chinese Taiwanese American daughter her mother expects her to be. Her brother Danny, on the other hand, has just been admitted to Princeton University, but secretly struggles with depression, and when he dies by suicide, May's world is shattered. In the aftermath, racist accusations are hurled forcing May to challenge the ugly stereotypes. Who gets to tell our stories and who gets silenced? There are always consequences. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.

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	Skulduggery Pleasant series Landy, Derek				Any three titles read from this series can be included as official Challenge books; up to five more titles can be included as your personal choice books. To see the individual book titles and their PRC ID numbers, go to the Series lists on the Booklists page, on the website. Or, you can search for a series name or the individual titles by using the Search function on the top left hand corner of the screen.
837330	🌀 Skyward Sanderson, Brandon	Orion	2018	9781473217850	Defeated, crushed, and driven almost to extinction, the remnants of the human race are trapped on a planet that is constantly attacked by mysterious alien starfighters. Spensa, a teenage girl living among them, longs to be a pilot. When she discovers the wreckage of an ancient ship, she realizes this dream might be possible - assuming she can repair the ship, navigate flight school, and (perhaps most importantly) persuade the strange machine to help her. Because this ship, uniquely, appears to have a soul. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1023593	🌀 Smoke & mirrors Jonsberg, Barry	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2024	9781761180750	Grace cares about two things: performing magic and her cantankerous grandmother. Magic gives Grace the chance to forget the hard things in her life. When her grandmother finds out she is dying Grace moves in to help. She must draw on all her magical abilities to not just survive but learn to thrive. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
1019751	Space between here & now, The Suk, Sarah	HarperCollins US	2023	9780063373129	The space between here and now follows Aimee on her search to find her estranged mother through a fascinating tale of time travel. The story explores family, self identity and acceptance.
1019910	Spy Academy: The Peak Heath, Jack	Scholastic Australia	2024	9781761290473	Nolan Hawker is invited to attend the Peak, the world's most dangerous school. There he learns to crack codes, fly planes and deceive enemies so he can someday infiltrate the deadly anarchist group, Swarm. But Swarm is already inside the Peak, and they have a plan - the kind that no-one walks away from. Does Nolan have what it takes to save his friends, his school, the world?
877870	🌀 Stardust thief, The Abdullah, Chelsea	Orbit	2022	9780316368865	Neither here nor there, but long ago... Loulie al-Nazari is the Midnight Merchant: a thief who, with the help of her jinn bodyguard, hunts and sells illegal magic. When she saves the life of a cowardly prince, she draws the attention of his powerful father, the sultan, who blackmails her into finding an ancient lamp that has the power to revive the barren land, at the cost of sacrificing all jinn. With no choice but to obey or be executed, Loulie journeys with the sultan's oldest son to find the artifact. Usually read by students in years 9, 10 & above

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971937	Stars and smoke Lu, Marie	Roaring Book Press	2023	9780241646540	Winter Young is a global pop sensation. Everybody wants tickets to see him. That's why a top-secret government organisation thinks he'll make the perfect spy. His target is infamous business tycoon and bad guy Eli Morrison. Because Morrison's daughter has just one birthday wish: a private concert with Winter Young. Winter must use his stardom to crack his target's inner circle and bring Morrison down. With him will be expert spy Sydney - and she is convinced Winter doesn't have what it takes. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1011981	Starsight Sanderson, Brandon	Orion	2019	9781473217904	All her life, Spensa has dreamed of becoming a pilot. Of proving she's a hero like her father. She made it to the sky, but the truths she learned about her father were crushing.  Spensa is sure there's more to the story. And she's sure that whatever happened to her father in his starship could happen to her. When she made it outside the protective shell of her planet, she heard the stars - and it was terrifying. Everything Spensa has been taught about her world is a lie.  But Spensa also discovered a few other things about herself - and she'll travel to the end of the galaxy to save humankind if she needs to. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
1019781	Stuck up & stupid Rice, Angourie & Rice, Kate	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2023	9781760658281	The story explores Lily a teenager who attends a party at Pippi Beach and meets Dorian Khan. The story highlights the importance of first impressions and how sometimes they can be deceiving. A modern take on the classic Jane Austin's Pride and prejudice.
855834	Swift and Hawk: Cyberspies Macx, Logan	Walker Books Australia Pty Ltd	2022	9781406394931	When their families mysteriously disappear, Swift and Hawk, teen experts in AI and robotics, are recruited into the top-secret Mobius Programme. Plunged into a life-and-death rescue mission, Swift and Hawk race from London to an isolated, sinister island in the North Atlantic, straight into the hands of a deadly enemy...



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982996	Third daughter, The Tooley, Adrienne	Hachette Australia	2023	9781399713948	<p>For centuries, the citizens of Velle have waited for their New Maiden to return. The prophecy states she will appear as the third daughter of a third daughter. When the fabled child is finally born to Velle's reigning queen all rejoice except for Elodie, the queen's eldest child, who has lost her claim to the crown. The only way for Elodie to protect Velle is to retake the throne. To do so, she must debilitate the Third Daughter - her youngest sister, Brianne.</p> <p>Desperate, Elodie purchases a sleeping potion from Sabine, who sells sadness. But the apothecary mistakenly sends the princess away with a vial of tears instead of a harmless sleeping brew. Sabine's sadness is dangerously powerful, and Brianne slips into a slumber from which she will not wake. With the fates of their families and country hanging in the balance, Sabine and Elodie hurry to revive the Third Daughter while a slow-burning attraction between the two girls erupts in full force.</p>
993817	This camp is doomed: A Dennith Grange misadventure Zobel, Anna	Penguin	2023	9781761047565	<p>A run-down camp in the woods with no phone reception and 10 students with untested powers- what could possibly go wrong? Something is definitely not right at Camp Buttress and who is the ghost that keeps appearing and what is he trying to tell them? Fionn, Celine and their friends together with their teachers try to solve the mystery- and survive.</p>
862082	This Poison Heart Bayron, Kalynn	Bloomsbury	2021	9781547603909	<p>When Briseis's aunt dies and wills her a dilapidated estate in rural New York, Bri and her parents decide to leave Brooklyn behind for the summer. Hopefully there, surrounded by plants and flowers, Bri will finally learn to control her gift. But their new home is sinister in ways they could never have imagined - it comes with a specific set of instructions, an old-school apothecary, and a walled garden filled with the deadliest botanicals in the world that can only be entered by those who share Bri's unique family lineage.</p>

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798307	Three Dark Crowns Blake Kendare	VIZ Media	2016	9780062385437	<p>In every generation on the island of Fennbirn, a set of triplets is born: three queens, all equal heirs to the crown and each possessor of a coveted magic. Mirabella is a fierce elemental, able to spark hungry flames or vicious storms at the snap of her fingers. Katharine is a poisoner, one who can ingest the deadliest poisons without so much as a stomachache. Arsinoe, a naturalist, is said to have the ability to bloom the reddest rose and control the fiercest of lions.</p> <p>But becoming the Queen Crowned isn't solely a matter of royal birth. Each sister has to fight for it. And it's not just a game of win or lose - it's life or death. The night the sisters turn sixteen, the battle begins.</p>
992290	Timefire McKenzie, Nean	MidnightSun Publishing	2023	9781922858030	<p>Rebecca Tobler 09/23</p> <p>In the scorching summer of 2033, Gilbert Black is accused of being a firebug, just like his mother was thirteen years previously. That night a fire starts on his family's farm. A fire with a tunnel in the centre of it. And that's when things start to get really weird. Pulled repeatedly back and forth through time, Gil finds himself at all the big Australian bushfires from the last two centuries. He searches across the years, determined to unlock the secret to his family's legacy. Gil can't change the past, but can he learn from it in time to return home and save his family from the biggest inferno ever known.</p>
916557	Two Can Play That Game Yong, Leanne	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761063374	<p>Sam Khoo has one goal in life: create cool indie games. She's willing to do anything to make her dream come true - even throw away a scholarship to university. All she needs is a super-rare ticket to a game design workshop and she can kickstart her career.</p> <p>So when Jay Chua, aka Jerky McJerkface, sneakily grabs the last ticket, it's war. Knowing how their Australian-Malaysian community works, Sam issues him an ultimatum: put the ticket on the line in a 1v1 competition of classic video games, or she'll broadcast his duplicity to everyone. Thank you, Asian Gossip Network.</p> <p>Meeting in neutral locations, away from the eyes and ears of nosy aunties and uncles, Sam and Jay connect despite themselves. It's a puzzle that Sam's not sure she wants to solve. But when her dream is under threat, will she discover that there is more than one way to win?</p>

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1013554	Two sparrowhawks in a lonely sky Lim, Rebecca	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781761180224	<p>What if you were forced to set sail for a country that didn't want you, to meet a father you couldn't remember?</p> <p>Thirteen-year-old Fu, his younger sister, Pei, and their mother live in a small rural community in Southern China that is already enduring harsh conditions when it is collectivised as part of Mao Zedong's Great Leap Forward campaign that ultimately led to economic disaster, widespread famine and millions of deaths.</p> <p>After tragedy strikes, and threatened with separation, Fu and Pei set out on a perilous journey across countries and oceans to find their father, who left for Australia almost a decade ago. With nothing to guide them but a photograph and some documents in a language they cannot read, they must draw on all their courage and tenacity just to survive - and perhaps forge a better life for themselves.</p>
1019696	Ultrawild: An audacious plan to rewild every city on Earth Mushin, Steve	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760292812	<p>Join maverick inventor Steve Mushin as he tackles climate change with an avalanche of mind-bending, scientifically plausible inventions to rewild cities and save the planet.</p> <p>Jump into his brain as he designs habitat-printing robot birds and water-filtering sewer submarines, calculates how far compost cannons can blast seed bombs (over a kilometer), brainstorms bio-materials with scientists and engineers, studies ecosystems, and develops a deadly serious plan for future cities.</p> <p>A tour-de-force of extreme problem solving for anyone who loves big ideas.</p>
903245	Unnecessary drama Kenwood, Nina	Text Publishing Co	2022	9781922458896	<p>Unnecessary Drama is a funny and romantic coming-of-age story set in a student share house in Melbourne. The story focuses on Brooke's initial experiences living out of home while starting her first year of university. Rule-oriented and organised, Brooke is ready for anything, until she discovers her second housemate is really her friend-turned-enemy from high school, Jesse. She vows to ignore him. However, dealing with anxieties, mishaps and the unexpected complications of life might make this promise harder to keep than she thought. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.</p>

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901579	Waiting for the storks Nannestad, Katrina	ABC Books	2022	9780733342271	It's the Second World War and Himmler's Lebensborn Program is in full flight when eight-year-old Zofia Ulinski is kidnapped by the Germans. She has blonde hair and blue eyes, just like the other Polish children taken from their families and robbed of their names, their language, their heritage.  But when Zofia is adopted into a wealthy and loving German family, it is easier, it is safer to bury her past, deep down, so everything is forgotten.  Until the Polish boy arrives.  And the past comes back to haunt her.
901578	Walk in the dark, A Godwin, Jane	Hachette Australia	2022	9780734420770	Its just a walk in the dark. Nothing to worry about. That's what the leader, Johan says about the overnight hike in the dark with no adults. But does he know that a storm is coming? Five teenagers head into the bush but none are aware of what the night will bring. Each will have to find the strength to survive. They have to face the unknown, battle the elements and their own demons. Its a night that will change everything.
889561	🚫 We are not free Chee, Traci	HarperCollins US	2022	9780358131434	When Pearl Harbour is attacked in World War 2, Japanese Americans suddenly find themselves hated and treated as enemies in their own country. Follow the story of 14 Japanese Americans and their families as they try to navigate their way through a society that hates them and internment camps. Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.
977794	🚫 We didn't think it through Lonesborough, Gary	Allen & Unwin Pty Ltd	2023	9781760526931	Jaime lives in Dalton's Bay with Aunty Dawn and Uncle Bobby. He spends his downtime hanging out with his mates, Dally and Lenny. Jamie's just an Aboriginal kid trying to find his way, but Mark Cassidy and the while lads take every opportunity they can to bully him and his friends. One night, Jamie, Dally and Lenny decide to retaliate...but things don't go as planned and the consequences are devastating. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above. Can Jaime mend his relationships with himself, his friends, his family, and his future?

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1042725	☹️ We who are forged in fire Murray, Kate	Hardie Grant Egmont	2023	9781760508937	<p>Priscilla Daalman is training to be a Hollow Warrior - an elite monster hunter charged with killing evil beasts from another universe. But first, she has to deal with the Renegades, a rebellious group of outcasts who have declared war on the warriors and are unleashing deadly beasts across the globe.</p> <p>With everyone under attack by both Renegades and Hollow monsters, Priscilla decides the best way to fight is from within - so she cuts herself off from her girlfriend and family and becomes a spy in the Renegades' base. It's a bold plan - and one that doesn't account for her duplicitous ex-boyfriend, Dominic, being a leader of the rebellious group.</p> <p>As Priscilla struggles to remain undetected in the Renegade base, she realises Dominic has his own agenda - and she's part of it. And in order to stop him - and the Renegades - she may have to make the ultimate sacrifice...</p> <p>Usually read by students in Years 9, 10 or above.</p>
895351	☹️ We who hunt the hollow Murray, Kate	Hardie Grant Egmont	2022	9781760508920	<p>Seventeen-year-old Priscilla Daalma's entire family are Hollow Warriors - legendary monster hunters charged with killing evil beasts from beyond our universe. She's desperate to live up to that legacy, but she's convinced neither she, nor her superpower - the ability to sense Hollow energy - is up to the task.</p> <p>But when Priscilla attempts a desperate ritual to enhance her abilities, she accidentally triggers a frightening new power: the power to summon monsters from the Hollow itself. Now, Priscilla must protect her loved ones from supernatural monsters, and also from herself. Because if her power gets out, all hell will break loose ... and Priscilla will risk losing everything. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, and above.</p>

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903293	What Do YOU Think?: How to agree to disagree and still be friends Syed, Matthew & Weeks, Kathy	Wren and Rook Books	2022	9781526364937	If you are the kind of person who... -Avoids disagreements because you don't want to fall out -Gets too embarrassed to say that you've changed your mind -Feels so overwhelmed that you don't know what to think ...then this book is for you. What do YOU think? will help young readers to discover what is influencing their ideas, from peer pressure to fake news. They'll learn how to form and change opinions, and how to debate their views with empathy. Readers will see how debates and disagreements can give you new ideas, stronger friendships, and help change the world for the better. I know you have loads of incredible thoughts and ideas and the world deserves to hear your voice. I want to know... what do you think?
1019739	What the river knows Ibanez, Isabel	Hodderscape	2023	9781399722186	In the glittering society of nineteenth century Buenos Aires Inez Olivera has everything except the one thing she really wants; her parents who frequently leave her behind on their adventures to Egypt. Then she receives a terrible letter from her uncle explaining her parents have died in mysterious circumstances. Determined to uncover the truth, Inez sets sail for Egypt bringing only her sketch pads and an ancient ring that her father had sent her. But upon her arrival in Egypt the ring flares with ancient magic and Inez is thrust into a treacherous game that could threaten her life. Usually read by students in years 9, 10, or above.
871664	What we all saw Lucas, Mike	Penguin	2022	9781761045936	Witches only exist in stories. Everyone knows that. But when four friends are caught in the woods at dusk, their worst nightmare may just become their reality.
992470	When dark roots hunt Shapter, Zena	MidnightSun Publishing	2023	9781922858061	Sala's village survives at the edge of a lake, hidden by poison ivy, to keep them safe from giant water-ants and wyann trees, which spear passing prey with their roots. Everyone is safe as long as no-one goes out on the lake. The unexpected appearance of a space ship puts everyone in danger, stirring rivalries into a terrifying conflict set to change the world. Sala and her pet pointer must do whatever it takes to face the truth of who she is, to save her village, to save her family, to save herself.