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PRIMARY RESOURCE LIST (F–6)

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LEGEND

- ● Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures
- ● Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia
- ● Sustainability
- ✚ Suits multiple years
- ◆ Identifies as Indigenous

FOUNDATION	Author	Illustrator
All Through the Year ●	Jane Godwin	Anna Walker
Bamboozled	David Legge	
Banjo and Ruby Red ●	Libby Gleeson	Freya Blackwood
Be Careful, Xiao Xin! ●	Alice Pung	Sher Rill Ng
Benny Bungarra's Big Bush Clean-Up ●	Sally Morgan ◆	Ambelin Kwaymullina ◆
NEW! *Bernie Thinks in Boxes*	Jess Horn	Zoe Bennett
Big Rain Coming ●	Katrina Germein	Bronwyn Bancroft ◆
Crocodile Beat	Gail Jorgensen	Patricia Mullins
Don't Let a Spoonbill in the Kitchen!	Narelle Oliver	
DUCK! ●	Meg McKinlay	Nathaniel Eckstrom
Going to the Footy ●	Debbie Coombes ◆	
Goodbye House, Hello House	Margaret Wild	Ann James
Isabella's Garden	Glenda Millard	Rebecca Cool
Lizard Gang, The ●	Kirra Somerville ◆	Grace Fielding ◆
NEW! *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* ✚	Adam Jackson, Adrian Lloyd	Jake A. Minton
Mr Chicken All Over Australia	Leigh Hobbs	
One Dragon's Dream ●	Peter Pavey	
One Little Goat	Ursula Dubosarsky	Andrew Joyner
NEW! *Over or Under?*	Pip Harry	Hilary Jean Tapper
Scaly-tailed Possum and Echidna ●	Cathy Goonack ◆	Marlene, Myron and Katrina Goonack ◆
Speak Chinese, Fang Fang!	Sally Rippin	
Terrible Plop, The	Ursula Dubosarsky	Andrew Joyner
Truck Cat, The ✚	Deborah Frenkel	Danny Snell
Who Sank the Boat?	Pamela Allen	

YEAR 1	Author	Illustrator
NEW! *Afloat* ●	Kirli Saunders ◆	Freya Blackwood
Amy and Louis	Libby Gleeson	Freya Blackwood
NEW! *Australia: Country of Colour*	Jess Racklyeft	
NEW! *Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name, The* ●	Sandhya Parappukkaran	Michelle Pereira
Bunyip of Berkeley's Creek, The	Jenny Wagner	Ron Brooks
Come Down, Cat!	Sonya Hartnett	Lucia Masciullo
Cunning Crow ●	Gregg Dreise ◆	
Eleventh Hour, The	Graeme Base	

Family Forest	Kim Kane	Lucia Masciullo
Introducing Teddy	Jessica Walton	Dougal MacPherson
Just One Bee ●	Margrete Lamond, Anthony Bertini	Christopher Nielsen
Little Bird's Day ●	Sally Morgan ◆	Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr ◆
Little Corroboree Frog, The ●	Tracey Holton-Ramirez ◆	Angela Ramirez ◆
NEW! *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* +	Adam Jackson, Adrian Lloyd	Jake A. Minton
Milli, Jack and the Dancing Cat ●	Stephen Michael King	
New Year Surprise! ●	Christopher Cheng	Di Wu
Patchwork Bike, The ●	Maxine Beneba Clarke	
Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley	Aaron Blabey	
Truck Cat, The +	Deborah Frenkel	Danny Snell
Two Mates ●	Melanie Prewett ◆	Maggie Prewett ◆
Where Happiness Hides	Anthony Bertini	Jennifer Goldsmith
NEW! *White Sunday*	Litea Fuata	Myo Yim
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge	Mem Fox	Julie Vivas
Yirruwa Yirrilikenuma-langwa (When We Go Walkabout) ●●	Rhoda Dugururru Lalara ◆	Alfred Lalara ◆

YEAR 2	Author	Illustrator
A Walk in the Bush	Gwyn Perkins	
Big Book of Old Tom, The	Leigh Hobbs	
Bully on the Bus	Kathryn Apel	
Eagle Inside, The ●	Jack Manning Bancroft ◆	Bronwyn Bancroft ◆
Fashionista	Maxine Beneba Clarke	
Finding François	Gus Gordon	
Flood ●	Jackie French	Bruce Whatley
Frank's Red Hat	Sean E. Avery	
How to Heal a Broken Wing ●	Bob Graham	
John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat	Jenny Wagner	Ron Brooks
Littlelight ●	Kelly Canby	
NEW! *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* +	Adam Jackson, Adrian Lloyd	Jake A. Minton
Mad Magpie ●	Gregg Dreise ◆	
Mrs White and the Red Desert ●	Josie Wowolla Boyle ◆	Maggie Prewett ◆
Mulga Bill's Bicycle	A.B. Paterson	Deborah Niland
My Two Blankets	Irena Kobald	Freya Blackwood
Our Little Inventor ●	Sher Rill Ng	
Our Village in the Sky ●	Janeen Brian	Anne Spudvilas
Rainbow Serpent, The ●	Dick Goobalathaldin Roughsey ◆	
Treasure Box, The	Margaret Wild	Freya Blackwood
Truck Cat, The +	Deborah Frenkel	Danny Snell
NEW! *Walk of the Whales* ●	Nick Bland	
Where the Forest Meets the Sea ●●	Jeannie Baker	

YEAR 3	Author	Illustrator
All New Must Have Orange 430, The ●	Michael Speechley	
Are We There Yet?	Alison Lester	
Baby Business ●	Jasmine Seymour ◆	
Bear and Rat	Christopher Cheng	Stephen Michael King
Come Over to My House ●	Eliza Hull, Sally Rippin	Daniel Gray-Barnett
Do Not Go Around the Edges ●	Daisy Utemorrah ◆	Pat Torres ◆
Five Times Dizzy	Nadia Wheatley	
Great Bear, The ●	Libby Gleeson	Armin Greder
Jelly-Boy ●	Nicole Godwin	Christopher Nielsen
Little Refugee, The ●	Anh Do, Suzanne Do	Bruce Whatley
NEW! *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* +	Adam Jackson, Adrian Lloyd	Jake A. Minton
NEW! *My Deadly Boots* ●	Carl Merrison ◆, Hakea Hustler	Samantha Campbell ◆
My Place ●	Nadia Wheatley	
Once There Was A Boy	Dub Leffler ◆	
One Tree ●●	Christopher Cheng	Bruce Whatley
Our World: Bardi Jaawi Life at Ardiyooloon ●	One Arm Point Remote Community School ◆	
Pearl Verses the World	Sally Murphy	Heather Potter
Remembering Lionsville ●	Bronwyn Bancroft ◆	
Room On Our Rock	Kate and Jol Temple	Terri Rose Baynton
Sonam and the Silence ●	Eddie Ayres	Ronak Taher
Suri's Wall	Lucy Estela	Matt Ottley
Truck Cat, The +	Deborah Frenkel	Danny Snell
Welcome to Country ●●	Aunty Joy Murphy ◆	Lisa Kennedy ◆

YEAR 4	Author	Illustrator
NEW! *Australia's Wild Weird Wonderful Weather* ●	Stephanie Owen Reeder	Tania McCartney
NEW! *Boy and the Elephant, The* ●	Freya Blackwood	
Clever Crow ●	Nina Lawrence ◆	Bronwyn Bancroft ◆
Cooee Mittigar ●	Jasmine Seymour ◆	Leanne Mulgo Watson ◆
Feather, The ●	Margaret Wild	Freya Blackwood
Happiness Box, The	Mark Greenwood	Andrew McLean
Little Wave, The ●	Pip Harry	
NEW! *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* +	Adam Jackson, Adrian Lloyd	Jake A. Minton
Mrs Whitlam ●	Bruce Pascoe ◆	
Other Brother	Simon French	
Paperboy	Danny Parker	Bethany Macdonald
Peasant Prince, The ●	Li Cunxin	Anne Spudvilas
Shake A Leg ●	Boori Monty Pryor ◆	Jan Ormerod
Sister Heart ●	Sally Morgan ◆	

NEW! *Stay for Dinner* ●	Sandhya Parappukkaran	Michelle Pereira
Stolen Girl ●	Trina Saffioti ◆	Norma MacDonald ◆
Teacup	Rebecca Young	Matt Ottley
This is Home: Essential Australian Poems for Children ●●	Jackie French (ed.)	Tania McCartney
Truck Cat, The ✚	Deborah Frenkel	Danny Snell
Two Bullies, The ●	Junko Morimoto	
Waves	Donna Rawlins	Mark Jackson, Heather Potter

YEAR 5	Author	Illustrator
Aster's Good, Right Things	Kate Gordon	
Desert Lake ●●	Pamela Freeman	Liz Anelli
NEW! *Dragonkeeper* ●	Carole Wilkinson	
Duck and the Darklings, The ●	Glenda Millard	Stephen Michael King
Free Diving ●	Lorrae Coffin ◆	Bronwyn Houston ◆
Girl from the Great Sandy Desert, The ●	Jukuna Mona Chuguna ◆, Pat Lowe	Mervyn Street ◆
Girl on Wire	Lucy Estela	Elise Hurst
Incredible Freedom Machines, The ●	Kirli Saunders ◆	Matt Ottley
Loyal Creatures ●	Morris Gleitzman	
NEW! *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* ✚	Adam Jackson, Adrian Lloyd	Jake A. Minton
Ned Kelly and the Green Sash	Mark Greenwood	Frane Lessac
One Minute's Silence	David Metzenthen	Michael Camilleri
Seven Little Australians	Ethel Turner	
Truck Cat, The ✚	Deborah Frenkel	Danny Snell
Wilam: A Birrarung Story ●	Aunty Joy Murphy ◆, Andrew Kelly	Lisa Kennedy ◆

YEAR 6	Author	Illustrator
A Ghost in my Suitcase ●	Gabrielle Wang	
Alfred's War ●	Rachel Bin Salleh ◆	Samantha Campbell ◆
Ash Road	Ivan Southall	
Bindi ●●	Kirli Saunders ◆	Dub Leffler ◆
Black Cockatoo ●	Carl Merrison ◆, Hakea Hustler	
NEW! *Dirrarn* ●	Carl Merrison ◆, Hakea Hustler	
Dot and the Kangaroo ●	Ethel Charlotte Pedley	Frank Mahony
Fog a Dox	Bruce Pascoe ◆	
His Name Was Walter	Emily Rodda	
I Own the Racecourse!	Patricia Wrightson	
Limelight	Solli Raphael	
Little Brother ●	Allan Baillie	
NEW! *Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller* ✚	Adam Jackson, Adrian Lloyd	Jake A. Minton
NEW! *My Brother Ben*	Peter Carnavas	
My Girragundji ●	Meme McDonald, Boori Monty Prior ◆	

Once	Morris Gleitzman	
Red Tree, The	Shaun Tan	
Refugees ●	David Miller	
Silver Donkey, The	Sonya Hartnett	
Songbird ●	Ingrid Laguna	
Sorry Day ●	Coral Vass	Dub Leffler ◆
Storm Boy	Colin Thiele	
Taronga	Victor Kelleher	
Tjarany Roughtail ●	Gracie Greene ◆, Joe Tramacchi	Lucille Gill ◆
Took the Children Away ●	Archie Roach ◆	Ruby Hunter ◆
Truck Cat, The ✚	Deborah Frenkel	Danny Snell
Way Home ●	Libby Hathorn	Gregory Rogers
William Bligh: A Stormy Story of Tempestuous Times ●	Michael Sedunary	Bern Emmerichs
Yinti, Desert Child ●	Pat Lowe, Jimmy Pike ◆	
Young Dark Emu ●●	Bruce Pascoe ◆	

STILL TO COME...	Author	Illustrator
NEW! *All the Beautiful Things*	Katrina Nannestad	
NEW! *Grandmother from the East, Grandmother from the West*	Jacinta Liu	Freda Chiu
NEW! *My Language Rights*	Judy Thompson	Tete Garcia
NEW! *Once I Was a Giant*	Zeno Sworder	
NEW! *Paws*	Kate Foster	
NEW! *Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger*	Jackie French	
NEW! *Trees, The*	Victor Steffensen ◆	Sandra Steffensen ◆
NEW! *We Live in a Bus*	Dave Petzold	
NEW! *When the World Was Soft*	Juluwarlu Group Aboriginal Corporation ◆	Alex Mankiewicz
NEW! *You & Me and the Land of Lost Things*	Andy Griffiths	Bill Hope
Berani	Michelle Kadarusman	
Bidhi Galing	Anita Heiss ◆	Samantha Campbell ◆
Concrete Garden, The	Bob Graham	
First Scientists, The	Corey Tutt ◆	Blak Douglas ◆
COMING SOON! *Footprint*	Phil Cummings	Sally Soweol Han
Garden at the End of the World, The	Cassy Polimeni	Briony Stewart
Heroes, Rebels and Innovators	Karen Wyld ◆	Jaelyn Biumaiwai ◆
Huda Was Here	H. Hayek	
Iceberg	Claire Saxby	Jess Racklyeft
Kindness Project, The	Deborah Abela	
Our Dreaming	Kirli Saunders ◆	Dub Leffler ◆
Searching for Cicadas	Lesley Gibbes	Judy Watson
Tamarra: A Story of Termites on Gurindji Country	Violet Wadrill ◆	

Tell 'em!	Katrina Germein, Rosemary Sullivan	Karen Briggs ◆
Wurrtoo	Tylissa Elisara ◆	Dylan Finney ◆