

Reading Challenge

★ Theme: New Beginnings

**Personal: Create a new reading habit.
Read in a way you never have before.**

You might start



Reading to one of your pets.

Reading to a friend or family member once a week.



Reading at a particular time each day.

Reading under a tree or somewhere in nature.

Enjoying audiobooks.

Looking for a local book club (perhaps at your local book shop) or an online book club such as **Rebel Readers Alliance** for readers aged 9-12.



Visiting your local library and exploring a new (to you) section. Borrow a book from there.

Designing a reading space. Turn your vision into a reality so you have a special space to enjoy reading.

Reading family read aloud books.

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Spread the book love by introducing new reading ideas to others. Introduce a friend or family member to a book, author, genre or series that is new to them.

Some ideas might include

Put a book in a bag and include some clues about the book on the bag.



Wrap the book and write some of your favourite quotes on the wrapping.



Take a creative photo of the book (for example, a flat lay where you take a photo from above, a birds eye view perspective and include objects relating to the book in the photo, add catchy hashtags).

Create a Book Bento Box – visual representation of a book using carefully selected and curated objects in a creative way to illustrate the themes of the book.

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Choose at least two challenges from the list below

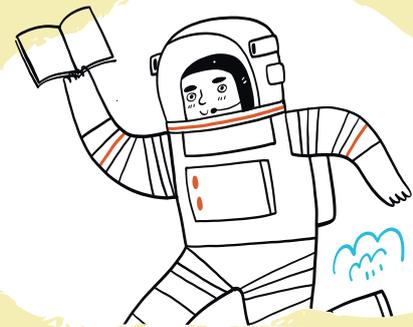
These challenges have been designed to inspire you to discover books that are new to you and you might not have otherwise read.



Ask a librarian or book seller for a book recommendation based on your interests.

Read a book that explores, or is set in, a different time or place than you are familiar with.

Read a book that has been recently published (in the last year).



Step outside your usual reading choices and choose a book from a genre you do not normally read.

Is there a person or topic that you are inspired by? Look for books relating to these interests.



Consult the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards from previous years to discover a new book to read.

The 2021 winners can be found [here](#). The 2021 Shortlist can be accessed [here](#). The 2021 Notables are [here](#). Previous winners are [here](#).

Look for a reimagined version of a story. Some possible examples might include a retelling of a fairy tale, such as a fractured or twisted fairy tale, or a retelling of a classic.

Ask a friend to post a bookshelf selfie. See if you can find inspiration for your next read on their bookshelf.

Ask a family member what their favourite book was, or who their favourite author was when they were your age. Read their favourite book or a title from their favourite author.

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