

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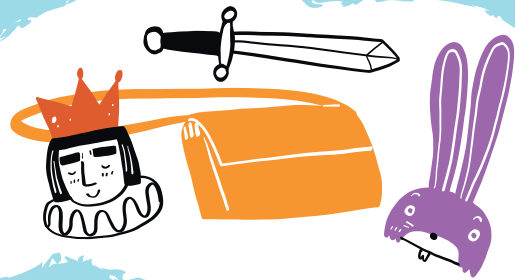
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Spread the book love by introducing new reading ideas to others. Introduce a friend or family member to a book, author, genre or series that is new to them.

*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*

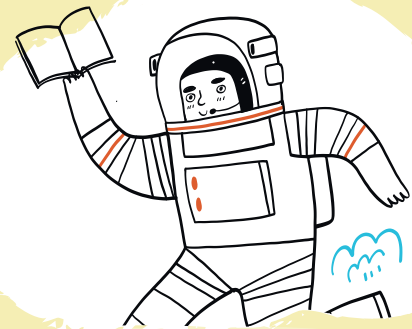
These challenges have been designed to inspire you to discover books that are new to you and you might not have otherwise read.



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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