



NATIONAL CENTRE for  
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# Champions Picture Books for Older Readers

## Introducing the Picture Books for Older Readers Database (PBOR)

Recognising the role picture books can have in the curriculum, in teaching and in the lives of older young people, this database offers picture books suitable for young people from grade 5 through secondary school.

### Promoting a database on Picture Books for Older Readers

Picture books can be read on several levels and interpreted differently depending on the audience. They can be suitable for more than one audience simultaneously and assist students in becoming competent in image analysis and identifying storytelling devices. Books selected for this database are often more sophisticated with different levels of meaning. Such books may:

- provide alternatives to text-only books
- offer books for image analysis
- assist in developing multi-literacy and visual literacy
- analyse different types of literature including post-modernism
- introduce methods for decoding the integration of words and pictures
- analyse artistic techniques and styles as well as book design and layout
- study literary devices and intertextual references aimed at older readers
- examine multiple narratives
- attract reluctant readers, EAL/D students and those with language difficulties
- offer non-traditional plot structure and metafictional devices
- examine sensitive topics including death, war, violence and societal issues
- attract readers who find picture books suit their needs and interests
- provide useful tools for introducing thematic units of work

### Reaching a diverse audience that includes

- Teachers
- Librarians
- Parents
- Home schoolers
- Caregivers
- Secondary and tertiary students
- Researchers

### Providing perspectives and experts

A team of experienced and knowledgeable experts in Australian children's literature have been involved in the PBOR. Their backgrounds and expertise includes teachers and teacher librarians, former publishers, editors, reviewers, booksellers, authors, illustrators, researchers and academics with wide knowledge of Australian children's literature.

### Using the PBOR

In addition to each book's publication details, the PBOR includes links to the Australian Curriculum Version 9, audience level, subjects, annotations and free online resources. Annotations allow searchers to grasp the essence and context for each book. The database is user friendly with numerous searching options including free text, author, illustrator, title, series, publisher, publication date, audience level, subjects, annotations and the Australian Curriculum Version 9. Free online resources are included for each book. Users may share resources found through their social media and digital networks. The PBOR is continuously updated.

The PBOR database can be accessed at

<https://www.ncacl.org.au/pbor-database>

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