

Reading Pictures Drawing Words

A GUIDE TO USING THE PICTURE BOOKS FOR OLDER READERS DATABASE

The *Picture Books for Older Readers* database provides access to Australian picture books suitable for use with older students Grade Five through secondary school. The books selected are more sophisticated in their use of literary techniques and in the way visual imagery is presented and integrates with the text. Many deal with complex issues or emotions.

Every title has bibliographic information, recommended age levels, extensive subject headings, an annotation providing information about the book, Australian Curriculum (Version 9) links and a list of additional resources to expand the book and its subject matter.

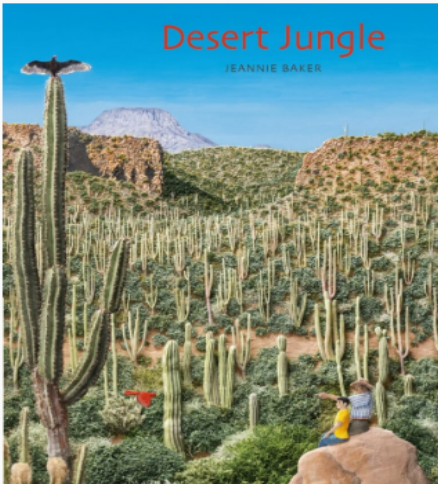
NCACL recommends that database users check the subject headings, the annotations and the curriculum links of individual books to determine their suitability.

The database will continue to grow as additional books are added.

What information is available in the database? Below is an example of a book's entry page.

Desert Jungle

← Picture Books for Older Readers

	<p>Title Desert Jungle</p> <hr/> <p>Author Jeannie Baker</p> <hr/> <p>Illustrators Jeannie Baker</p> <hr/> <p>Publisher, Date Walker Books, 2023</p> <hr/>	<p>Audience Primary, Secondary, Upper Primary</p> <hr/> <p>Curriculum Codes AC9E5LA01, AC9E5LA02, AC9E5LA03, AC9E5LE01, AC9E5LE02, AC9E5LE03, AC9E5LE04, AC9E5LE05, + AC9HS5K04, AC9S5U01, AC9AVA6E01</p> <hr/> <p>ISBN 9781406387872</p> <hr/>
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Subjects ▼

Annotation ▼

Teaching Resources ▼



There are many options for searching however to make the best use of the database you need to **Login or Register**. The Login appears at the top right of the screen

Simple search

The large horizontal search bar allows you to search for an individual book by its title, its author or a free word search that will retrieve the word(s) in the annotations.

Please note it is important that search terms be spelt correctly, as the system does not auto-correct incorrect spelling.

Advanced Searching

There are several options to search by

Author

Illustrator

Publisher (searching for all the works by a publishing house will require searching all the various imprints that they use)

Publication date range by setting a start and end date.

The search options can be increased further by clicking on **Show More** at the bottom of the page. The additional options are.

Subject There is an extensive list of subjects in the drop down menu.

Audience Select a particular age level there are three available *Primary, Upper Primary, and Secondary*.

Australian Curriculum (Version 9) the curriculum codes used in the PBOR database are for the latest Australian curriculum Version 9. Each book entry has listed all the related curriculum areas. To search for books relating to a particular curriculum code enter the code in the drop down menu. You can narrow the search by selecting the audience level by combining the search – Audience level and Curriculum code.

For further information on Australian Curriculum Version 9 go to <https://v9.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

ISBN Search for a book via its ISBN number.

Combine Search options to narrow the focus of the search. For example, books on *Rainforests* suitable for *Primary* students

Compiling and sharing a list of database books

Once you have created a list of books you can then copy and share this list.

Click on the **Copy Search** function at the bottom of the Advance Filters options. This will generate a URL link that can be pasted into an email. (*Note: there is no indication that the copy search function has worked but it does*)

Or

Create a **Favourites** list. Click on the Favourites star below the jacket in the entry. A quick way is to use the List view then click on the Favourites star in the books listed.

Once the titles are selected go to the 'My Favourites' icon at the top of page/screen. Click on it and a drop-down list of NCACL's databases will appear, click on the database you are using to open your Favourites list. (*Please note the Favourites function is only available if you are logged in.*)

Once opened there are several options available. Select the icon you wish to use.



To clear the Favourites list, click on the 'Remove from Favourites' in each individual title's entry.